

The Gun Violence Prevention subgroup of the Social Justice Action Group offers this statement to encourage ongoing action and response to the scourge of gun violence in our country:

This week we have once again been tragically reminded of the suffering and death caused to others in our midst made all too easy by the proliferation of firearms across this country. We know that our prayers and expressions of sympathy and outrage seem to be of only temporary consolation. As we beseech the Lord to comfort those who grieve we ask that God help guide us on the path toward meaningful change. It is past time for talk; it is time for action.

First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor has a long proud tradition of community activism. Our Social Justice Action Groups stand as evidence of our commitment to doing all we can to create the kind of world our Creator helps us dream about. Below are listed several steps each of us can take now to make meaningful progress toward a safer world for young and old. There is power in numbers especially when there is divine inspiration to work together.

The Gun Violence Prevention issue group encourages you to:

1. Call your legislator

The only way to make meaningful change is when our lawmakers stand up and pass common sense gun legislation.

[Look up your State Senator here.](#)

[Look up your State Representative here.](#)

Call them and tell that you're demanding action immediately on gun violence legislation. Four areas to specifically advocate for are:

- Safe storage
- Extreme risk protection orders (red flag laws)
- Universal background checks
- Protections for domestic violence survivors.

We want these bills introduced immediately and hearings to be scheduled immediately

2. Learn more about interfaith organizing efforts through End Gun Violence Michigan (<https://www.migunsafety.org/>)

3. Watch our [Social Justice Action Group page](#) on the First Presbyterian website for local and regional events to promote greater gun safety. We plan to attend several demonstrations in the coming months and will share information as it is available.