

Gun Safety Emphasis in January

In 2018 (as of December 12), there have been eight mass shootings in the U.S., with a total of 71 deaths and 42 persons injured. Fifty-five people have been killed in school shootings this year. Each year, more than 30,000 Americans are killed by firearms.

Working for Sensible Gun Laws is one of three foci of the Oak Grove Social Justice Committee.

On **January 6**, Pastor Bill will address the issue in his sermon.

On **Tuesday, January 8**, we invite Oak Grovers to carpool from church at 9:30 am to go to the Capitol for “Welcome Back Legislators: Pushing for Common Sense Gun Laws.” It is the first day of the legislative session. We will gather in Conference Room B971 from 10:00-10:45. From 11:00-12:00 we will walk together to the House and Senate chambers to welcome them back as a united force. (Wear your red Moms Demand Action t-shirts, if you have them.) More info at: http://midwest-moms.ngpvanhost.com/ngpvanforms/42284?fbclid=IwAR3PQb8Y_XVX9tTlpyd6bdTGeOQ9gO5rF_MJJY00pcPdYUyHS-4AlifCdco

On **Saturday, January 19**, David Barnhart, an award-winning film director who is funded by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, will show his movie, *Trigger: The Ripple Effects of Gun Violence*, at Oak Grove at 2:00 pm. *Trigger* was a seven-year project and received the honor of being selected for the Martin Luther King, Jr. D.R.E.A.M. Film series. It examines the effect that a shooting has on a family, the community and society. Please plan to attend and invite your friends and neighbors.

Sunday, January 20, during the Adult Faith Formation time, 9:15-10:15 am, the Social Justice Committee will present more information and action opportunities on the topic of Gun Safety.