



Grace Emergency Response Team Update



On March 12, 2026, our bishop asked every congregation in our diocese to discuss and create an emergency response plan to deal with a violent intruder after a gunman crashed his car into a Jewish synagogue in West Bloomfield, MI and started shooting. Five members from our vestry volunteered to work as a subcommittee to review all the information we received and to explore other resources and put together a plan of action for Grace.

Lucy Smith agreed to chair this group and along with Margaret Morgan, Shari Potter, Don Siefkes, Celia Danes, and myself; this committee met several times and drafted a set of action steps for our parish. This plan was presented to the vestry at their August meeting and was approved. These action items will be explained at both services on **Sunday, September 13**, and there will be opportunities for further conversation after the services.

Here is an outline of the steps that will be discussed in September.

- **Emergency Response Definition** – We as a congregation define emergency and the need for response to include severe weather, a medical event with a parishioner, and a violent threat/action by an intruder.
- **Warm Welcome Greeting** – We acknowledge the need to continue our warm greeting of each other and especially newcomers for all events at Grace. This includes wearing name tags.
- **Medical Trainings** – We will schedule training times for CPR and use of the defibrillator.
- **Grace Parishioner Directory** – To include emergency contacts and a printed and digital directory with training as needed.
- **Usher Group Informational Meeting** – To discuss new duties for the ushers regarding emergency preparedness.

Worship Opportunities

Sundays at 8:30 and 10:30 AM

**TO JOIN SERVICES LIVE ONLINE
VIA ZOOM, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND
FOLLOW THE LINKS**

www.gracechurchmtclemens.org

**TO JOIN SERVICES LIVE BY
PHONE VIA ZOOM:**

8:30 Service: Call 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300

Password: 246040

10:30 Service: See YouTube link
on Website

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM in Guild Room

*Worship resources are available
on our Website 24/7/365.*



- **Intentional Watching** – Identify parishioners who will be trained in special awareness and response.
- **Emergency Calls to 911** – Various strategies to make this call.
- **What To Do and Where to Go** – Training for all parishioners.
- **Main Church Entrance Barrier** – To stop vehicles from crashing through doors.
- **Cameras** – Potentially to be placed in and around the building.

This is our working document, and we may add additional action steps as necessary. We invite you to review these strategies and to come with questions, suggestions, and ideas on September 13th. Thank you for your attention and input regarding this important matter.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



Come, Christians, join and sing; alleluia, amen!

Greetings, Grace!

We would love to see you **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary for choir rehearsals beginning **September 16**. I'm wishin', hopin', and prayin' that we get a nice mix of new and familiar faces (and most importantly, voices!) as we move into the seasons of thankfulness, Advent, and the birth of our Lord. As a choir, we have the opportunity to lift up our praises to God in song and help guide our Grace community's understanding of these sacred times of gratitude, reflection, and celebration/renewal.

Please be prepared to bring the following: 1. A warm smile. and 2. an open heart. I guarantee the Spirit and your voice will follow.

See you then!

Josh Dulin
Minister of Music

September Birthdays

Grace Villamor	9/17
Marilee Racine	9/23
Nelson Rumpel	9/24
Judith Ciccoritti	9/24
Nicki Urban	9/27
Christopher Murphy	9/28



Join us in the Guild Room for Bible study, every **Sunday at 9:30 AM.**



"F" Dollars for Fueling Kids' Futures
If your wallet has any dollar bills with **F** on them, please pass them along to help us fill backpacks with weekend food for hungry Mt. Clemens students.

Book Club at Grace

The book club will meet at Grace on **Thursday, September 10 at 6 PM** to discuss *The Shadow Box* by Luanne Rice. Reviews of this book describe it as a thriller mystery with multiple and seamless twists and turns. If you have any questions, please call Ann Strevel. Looking forward to seeing you!



COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Wednesdays at 4 PM

Sundays (Nov.-Mar.) at 4 PM

GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10 AM to 12 PM
Curbside distribution

Monthly Bible Study

We're ending the Friday night Bible study and starting a new course on **Sunday, September 13**, to be held once a month during our weekly Sunday Bible study session between the services at **9:30 AM** in the guild hall. This new course will share the format of our usual Sunday sessions, but will cover readings from services that we don't cover on Sundays. This month we'll start with the Ash Wednesday service. If you want to follow along with your own Bible, the readings will be Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; and 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10. We'll have handouts to help us along the way.



Recommended Food Pantry Donations

Canned soups, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna/chicken, SpaghettiOs, Hamburger Helper, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereal, canned applesauce

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**Beaumont
Hospice**

Become a Hospice Volunteer



Brighten someone's day with your presence! Hospice volunteers play a vital role by visiting patients and providing support to caregivers through listening, conversation, and companionship. This is a long-term commitment. Join us in making a meaningful difference during one of life's most significant journeys.

**Macomb, Oakland and
Wayne Counties**



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Ask for Leandra - Volunteer Coordinator