

**Touchstones Faith in Action**

**In-Reach / Out-Reach / Justice-Making**

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**1.0: Introduction**

Good and Evil is a theme that can be explored during the month of June by a focus on Anti-Gun Violence. While a gun is not inherently good or evil, the years-long epidemic of gun deaths in the United States constitutes an evil.

There are a number of initiatives that can be considered as listed below.

For relatively recent in-depth data about gun deaths see <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/08/16/what-the-data-says-about-gun-deaths-in-the-u-s/> dated August 16, 2019. For the most recent data, go to Gun Violence Archive at <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/>.

An example of visible activism is wearing orange on the weekend of June 5th as noted below.

**2.0: Observances & Resources**

**2.1: Observances**

**2.1.1:** *June 5, 2020: National Gun Violence Awareness Day* (first Friday in June)

**2.1.2:** *June 5-7, 2020: Wear Orange Campaign*, <https://wearorange.org/>

**2.1.3:** *June 21, 2020: ASK (Asking Saves Kid) Day* (held annually on the first day of summer) The question to ask: “Is there an unlocked gun in your house?” <http://askingsaveskids.org/>

**2.2: Gun Safety in the Home**

**2.2.1:** *How Safe Is Your Home?* see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8co1MwMSjk> (powerful)

**2.2.2:** *End Family Fire* <https://endfamilyfire.org/> See video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63Ip-SrUoIQ>

**2.2.3:** *Be Smart: A conversation about kids, guns, and safety* at <http://besmartforkids.org> See video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TbK66RSvp8&feature=youtu.be>

**2.3: Other Initiatives of Note**

**2.3.1:** *Everytown for Gun Safety* at <https://everytown.org/>

**2.3.2: *Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America* at** <https://momsdemandaction.org/>

**2.3.3:** *Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence* at <https://www.bradyunited.org/> and <https://www.bradyunited.org/the-brady-plan> which has as its goal reducing gun related deaths by 50% by 2025.

**2.4: Other Resources**

**2.4.1:** *Everytown for Gun Safety*, <https://everytownresearch.org>

# 2.4.2: *Friends Committee for National Legislation, Gun Violence Prevention,* <https://www.fcnl.org/about/policy/issues/gun-violence>

**2.4.3:** *UUA on Gun violence* at <https://www.uua.org/liberty/guns>

**2.4.4:** *UUA 2014 Action of Immediate Witness* at <https://www.uua.org/action/statements/affirming-congregational-commitment-gun-violence-prevention>

**2.4.5:** Gun Violence Policies for Congregations at <https://www.uua.org/safe/buildings/sample-policies>