

A message from the moderator, Merry Lee Hooks:

September 25-October 1, 2016 is the "Week of Action Against Gun Violence" and we need to remember this quote from a Marian Wright Edelman essay, first published in December 2015. She is president of the Children's Defense Fund www.childrensdefense.org and the essay is published under working for Justice and Peace, the quarterly Newsletter for Presbyterian Women Leaders, May-July 2016. Here's the quote:

"I am co-sponsoring [a bill that] would impose necessary controls without unduly curtailing the uses of firearms for legitimate sport shooting or hunting...Basically this legislation would only subject deadly weapons to the same control we have always imposed on automobiles, liquor or prescription drugs...." -Robert F. Kennedy. May 2, 1967

Next month: MerryLee Hooks will speak at *Lunch and Learn* October 11th, Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church-Dillon. She will share her presentation, Disaster Preparation 101 prepared for the Presbyterian Congregation. People will leave the meeting with many bites of information including an emergency supply list. Merry Lee notes, "We are all one another's first responders." Based on experiences we are seeing in Louisiana, the adage would be, "Don't wait to make your own emergency plan." The talk will emphasize preparedness for youth, older adults, people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. She will include information on what is called, "active shooter" incidents and responses.