

Severe weather is upon us. With that we all need to be thinking about a safe place to go in the event of severe weather. For the mass service, if we need to take shelter from any severe weather or storm, we will go to the basement of the church building.

This is the plan:

A safety team member will monitor the weather and alert everyone in the event of severe weather in our area.

Everyone would be directed to get to the basement as soon as possible. Unfortunately, most will have to go outside and proceed to the glass doors on the north side of the building into the basement. Some can use the interior stairs but those are narrow and would take time for everyone to use.

Once in the basement, proceed to the area around the bathrooms and the interior wall away from the windows. Use tables, chairs, pews and any large object as protection from debris or flying glass.

Stay there until an all clear is given by a safety team member. (Remember there is never an all-clear given using storm sirens.)

Once an all clear has been given, give aid or assist anyone that might be hurt, call 911 if needed and proceed out of the building if it is safe to do so.

Watch for downed power lines, sharp objects such as glass and other debris. Also, if there is building damage, be careful of collapse possibilities.

For anyone that cannot get to the basement, use the bathrooms for shelter. If time does not allow getting to the basement, get down between the pews and under if room allows.

The Rectory, Brick house and Yellow house all have basements. If you are in one of those buildings and severe weather hits, proceed to that basement and follow the same procedures as you would in the church building to find protection from the weather.