

# The Word

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## Vanquishing the Modern Day Dragons of Social Inequity and Injustice Storybook Project Arkansas Relaunches

By Gary Wheeler

Holy common-union takes many forms. Under the guidance of St. Michaelite and board chair Denise Chai and with the support of many St. Michaelites who contribute their time, talent and tithes, Storybook Project Arkansas has resumed operations.

The 25-year-old effort came to a near halt in early 2020 with the onset of the COVID pandemic but restarted with in-person visits on May 11, 2022, when Denise Chai, Louise Montgomery, Lynne Clifton, Jan Schmittou, and six other volunteers drove to Newport's McPherson Women's unit. Awaiting them were 85 women who had signed up to read to their children and grandchildren.

The Storybook Project Arkansas is one of the earliest independent programs whose common major goals are to connect imprisoned people to their families through reading stories. There are many similar programs around the world that have discovered that by having imprisoned people record a story in their own voices to their children and grandchildren, a connection occurs that impacts the child, the parent, and the volunteers who facilitate the recordings.

Upon arrival at the prison and after careful screening, volunteers meet the participants, help them select age-appropriate books from the crates they bring along, and then use prison-approved recording devices to capture the story reading. The parent gives a short message to the children and sometimes other family members read them the book and give a closing message.

He or she also writes a message to the children in the book. The recorded message and reading are then "produced" to optimize clarity and burned to CD or made available, online. The recording and the inscribed book are then delivered to

the child. The outcomes of this work are largely anecdotal but significant. Testimonials from those who participate can be found on the website and are poignant. One example follows:

"I love the storybook experience. I read to my 4 kids. They are my life and it does bring me a little closer and hopefully, it will get them wanting to read more. Thank you all so much for what y'all are doing here. It's a little (See Storybook Project, page 3)



**AWARD WINNING PRESENTATION** – Denise Chai makes her award winning presentation in front of a Grater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce panel.



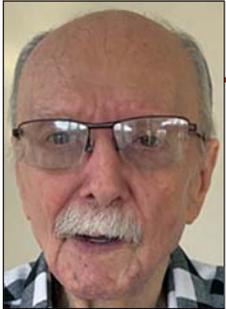
**STORYBOOK PROJECT VOLUNTEERS** – Helping to package materials to send to the children (far right) are Lynn Clifton and Caroline Stevenson.

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Lee Russell

## Personal Perspective

### COVID Kids Tales End

I have written several articles over the last six months about my hope to find some way to make life a little easier for children who've been orphaned by COVID-19. I had hoped, frankly, that others would show the same level of concern. It hasn't happened.

Now, my cardiologist is telling me that he recommends that I drop this effort. It is, he said, causing more stress than he'd like. "Why do you consider it stressful?" I asked. "Because", he replied, "you don't have a handle on it. And," he went on, "there aren't enough hours in your remaining days to take on a ministry as complicated as this. The learning curve is just too steep".

He is right, of course. I can't immediately resolve the problems that would arise. The kind of administrative effort and the logistics required would take more time than I can reasonably devote to such an effort.

That doesn't mean the effort should be abandoned. Surely there is another St. Michaelite who is up to the task. We, as a community, as a nation, have too much to lose if we don't.

I'll give you again the problem facing us. This time it's from Harvard professor Dr. Nelson. It was he who coined the term COVID orphans to describe children who have lost one or both parents, or primary caregivers, to the disease. "One in four adult deaths to COVID-19 leaves a child orphaned or left without a caregiver." — something the professor of pediatrics and psychiatry describes as a hidden cost of the pandemic.

"Grieving children experience anxiety and depression if they're old enough," he says, "but also secondary effects like acting out in the classroom or stress caused by food insecurity or loss of health insurance. This stress can have both a psychological and biological impact on kids."

"When someone experiences stress, the brain produces stress hormones. Chronically elevated stress hormones can harm the brain and heighten the risk of physical and psychological ailments," Nelson says.

"If children are grieving the loss of their parents, and if that grief is not recognized and it's not treated," he says, "short term effects can become long term effects. "After losing a parent, children feel like "the world has been turned upside down," he notes. "Kids need adult support and a feeling of safety from an adult who is there for them at all times, ideally a family member, perhaps a teacher, clergy member, or neighbor."

Nelson wants municipalities to pay attention to the issue of COVID orphans. "Governments need to recognize the problem and then figure out who should be responsible for promptly meeting kids' needs like counseling or medication," For example" he says. "friends, extended family and community members need to hold the child's hand and reassure them that things will get better." "If there is no immediate family support, the kids need a community of caregivers who can be available 24/7, people like clergy ,and volunteers who are adept at handling such situations. In short anyone with the where-with-all and desire to help these kids,

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**BOOK REVIEW –** *Moms at Newport's McPherson Women's unit (left) look for books they'd like to read to their children at home. One Mom (above) reads and records the book she selected.*

## Storybook Project

*(Story continued from page 1)* hope and light in a dark place. It's a blessing. God bless you all." (May 2022)

The parents reveal that creating something for their children during their separation is not something they ever expected to do and is transformational. The chaplains in the Department of Corrections are very supportive of the program and play a pivotal role in recruiting participants.

Louise Montgomery, who volunteered on the recent trip has also been on visits to other prisons. "I felt like they are a neglected group of people that has been abandoned. Jesus said visit the prisoners. It's nothing for me to do this. If they need a little attention, I'll give them a little attention."

She also commented on the talent in the room and considered what a waste for them to be there. On the walls of the room were elegant murals painted by one of the residents of characters from children's movies.

Another volunteer offered, "I felt drawn to do something for people who are someone's son or daughter, sister or brother - who made a mistake. It could be any of us."

Sixteen percent of children in Arkansas have had or currently have a parent in a correctional facility according to 2015 data produced by the Annie E. Casey Foundation (the highest rate in the US), and some of

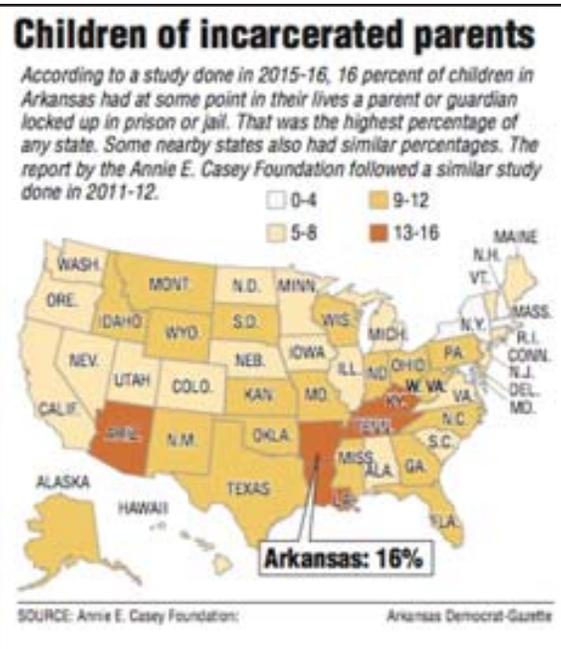
incarceration. Mitigation of ACEs can improve outcomes for these children, and it is hoped that children who benefit from the Storybook intervention have better lifetime outcomes.

The recidivism rate for those who are discharged is highest for those who have no visits from family members. The Storybook Project overcomes the barrier by creating a real relationship with the family members who report playing the recordings over and over.

While most of the participants are women, more men are now included and enjoy the experience equally. It is true that the people who participate are self-selected. To be given time to read requires that the parent is in good disciplinary standing in the prison. Most but not all who sign up are confident readers. Struggles with reading can be a barrier to

participation.

Volunteers do more than just visit the prisons and help record the stories. They procure the books, help with producing the final recordings, package the recordings and books for mailing and help do the accounting and regulatory work. In 2019, the last year before the pandemic, over 1800 children were *(See Storybook Project, page 4)*



those children never see their parent during the incarceration. This may occur due to limited resources for travel or too little time due to the stress of managing a job and family without a spouse.

Having a parent in prison is considered an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE), one often associated with later mental health disorders, school drop out and



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The organization is a non-profit funded by individual one-time gifts, monthly pledges and grants from religious entities (such as St. Michael's Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, Methodist Women's groups, Arkansas ECW), corporate and philanthropic sponsors (Arkansas Black Hall of Fame Foundation, Junior League, La Moderne Women's Club ), lawyer's groups (Judge Henry Woods Inns of Courts), and bookstores (Barnes and Noble).

Based on 2019 costs, each book costs about \$10 to send. A single-year budget can run around 10-12 thousand dollars annually depending on postage costs, but in 2019 included nearly 30 thousand dollars in volunteer effort. There are no fund-raisers other than occasional Facebook events. Contributions occur largely by word of mouth. St. Michael's has routinely given from its Beyond our Walls funds.

Denise is particularly proud of the awards and grants received in the last few years. The newest this May came from the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce which gave Storybook Project Arkansas the Community Impact

## Governor Names St. Michaelite as Director of Department of Health

Dr. Jennifer Dillaha was recently appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson as the director of



the agency at which she has worked for over 20 years. She will report to Renee Malory who will serve as the interim secretary in the Governor's cabinet. Jennifer will oversee the direction and operation of the departments' many statewide activities most of which she has had a hand in at one time or another during her tenure.

Most recently, Jennifer served as the Chief Medical Officer, co-

vening the COVID response team. That group developed the state's official response to COVID including isolation, quarantine, treatment and vaccine guidelines.

She has regularly spoken to the public to provide communications about the status of the pandemic. In addition to her work in vaccine programs and communicable diseases, she has specific training and experience in geriatrics, community engagement and health literacy.

A long-time member of St. Michael's, she has been a lay minister, focused on women's ministries, and led a variety of bible focused studies. She has provided invaluable guidance to the parish during the pandemic.

"The experience. It has even brought me to tears but this is all my son has asked for is books. And, the volunteers here have been so amazing and wonderful also letting me know of summer camps for my son and books that may help him while he is having a tough time right now. Thank you for everything you all do blessing our families." -Project Participand, May 2022

Award this year. (Video used during the award ceremony is found at <https://www.vimeo.com/user97402231/review/692333291/718daf680b>.)

The Storybook Project Arkansas website is at <https://www.storybookprojectofarkansas.org/> where volunteer and donation opportunities can be found.

## Trust

*The wise act not out of fear, but in anticipation and trust of the good. Be courageous. Step out to take risks. Live your ordinary life to be a blessing with what you've been given: time, talent, treasure - all gift, all grace. Risk trust as you participate in life. -Br. Luke Ditewig Society of Saint John the Evangelist*

# The 4th Quarter Arrives at New Home

By Bob Magee

*(Editor's note – This article is continued from the last issue in which Cathy Schwartz and Bob Magee describe their first 15 day cruise from Tennessee to Little Rock.)*

On day 9 our goal was to make Memphis by dusk and we did, arriving at the Memphis Yacht Club (MYC) at 5:00 p.m. When entering the harbor, we passed by the replica sailing ships the Nina and Pinta at the Memphis dock.

Days 10 – 12 were spent at MYC. The forecasted weather came through as promised and we were glad we stayed. When weather throws you a curve, you adjust and explore the area.

We walked to Enterprise, 1.5 miles away to rent a car and facilitate our exploration.

We toured several historic buildings and churches in the downtown area.

We found Westy's on Main Street which turned out to be our favorite, eating there a couple of times. They served a classic old Memphis beer that we liked and good BBQ .

The excursion included a trip to IKEA (first and maybe last time), Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid (Cathy bought binoculars, Robert bought a monocular), Old Navy (for warmer clothes).

We found Harbor Town with a great grocery, including beer and wine, and Tugs for breakfast and bloody marys.

We did a couple of cinnamon shots with harbormaster, Andy, and two sailboaters, Bryce and Jane. They were on their way from the Great Lakes to the Bahamas. We passed them on their sailing ship,

Beauty, further up the Mississippi and they pulled in after two days, just before the storms.

It took us two days to do two loads of laundry (competition and faulty equipment).

Day 13: We were more than ready to leave MYC and be home.

Island. As we merged into the main Mississippi River we viewed the Memphis Queen coming straight into the harbor. Later that day we passed the voyagers, Nina and Pinta, hailed them and found out they were headed to Little Rock. Our anchorage that night was 10 miles from the mouth of the Arkansas/ White River.

Day 14: We entered Montgomery Point Lock and felt we were almost home since we were on the Arkansas River. This part of the River is really only a manmade canal, and not very scenic. There were a lot of water hyacinth everywhere that really clogged up the exit from Lock 2. The wind was horrendous for us novice cruisers, with gusts to 40 mph. After we were secure in Lock 2, the lockmaster said "nice job"! We heard VHF (like a CB radio for mariners) discussion from another pleasure craft and learned they were from LRYC, on their way to Orange Beach for the winter.

Day 15: Our goal today was to make LRYC. It was possible to make 80 miles because the current flow was only about 1 mph, but we had 4 locks to negotiate. We had plenty of fuel and we were prepared to burn it to make lockage if possible. There were several tows on the River that day, headed both ways, so we hoped for the best. After exiting Lock 4, we were headed to the Rob Roy Bridge. It is a railroad bridge. As we approached Cathy exclaimed, "Robert that bridge is too low for us to go under". She looked at the chart book and found the clearance to be 17.5 ft. and we are 18 feet tall!  
(See 4th Quarter.page 6)



**TA DA – The 4th Quarter is docked at the Little Rock Yacht Club and Bob is ready to debark.**

Rising early in the morning, the weather looked to be fine. As we were leaving MYC our AIS (this is like radar and helps warn us of close but unseeable vessels) alarm sounded. AIS warned us the riverboat Memphis Queen was coming into harbor as we were leaving, although we couldn't see her because of Mud



**CHANCE ENCOUNTER** – The 4th Quarter encountered both the Niña and Pinta on the Mississippi as it headed to Little Rock.

## 4th Quarter

*(Story continued from page 5)*

Great to have an alert 1st Mate. The lockmaster instructed us to go to VHF channel 12 and click the mike 4 or 5 times. After several starts and stops and bleeding conversation from a downstream tow, the bridge raised and we went through. As we headed upstream we called the next lock and found two tows in front of us. This could have added five hours to our day and derail our attempt to make LRYC by nightfall. As we got closer, we called the lock again. Both tows yielded to us, allowing us to lock through and continue our trip. After leaving Lock 6, cruising past the LR airport and then cruising under the 6 bridges that cross from Little Rock to North Little Rock, we were on an emotional high! A slight delay at Lock 7 still left us plenty of time to make LRYC by 5:00 p.m.

A boating friend greeted us as we approached the LRYC. We were glad to be home. We were sad to be home. When one is cruising, your whole life is centered on the mission at hand. Once home, there are houses, yards, dogs, family, cars and all sorts of other things to think about. It takes a few days to get off

boat brain and back into city brain.

Additional thoughts and notes:

A lot of trash in Mississippi River, five mph current estimated (glad we were going with the current), a barge at every bend, literally, they space themselves out to deal with turns and their size. The largest was 6 wide by 8 long and with the tow, almost ¼ mile long.

We encountered locks at Pickwick, Cumberland/Barkley, Locks 52/53(Olmstead) on Ohio, Montgomery Point (wicket), seven more on AR River for a total of 13. That's a lot of practice.

Surprises:

Barges carry a lot of coal in Tennessee

Loading grain on a barge tilts one end to almost sinking, then it levels out. The area smells like fresh bread before you see the grain elevators!

Started in T-shirts and shorts, ended in coats and sweat shirts. Bought a fan for the flybridge but needed a heater

All other boats and boaters have a story to tell and it's a great way to learn if you listen

We have a lot in common and enjoy each other's company, while exploring life together. Not a coincidence at all.



## Lord Hear Our Prayer

*We are standing in your presence to pray for peace and harmony.*

*We pray for a day when your love envelops the earth.*

*A day when spirits that unite us are stronger than the forces that divide us.*

*A day when all people are one no matter what color, race, or religion.*

*Please grant us compassion to care for all creations; love to keep us strong; and acceptance to reduce hatred.*

*Please guide our hearts through understanding, So we may coexist in harmony, and universal peace may prevail the earth.*

*Amen!*

*Pilgrimage for Peace*



## Help is the manifestation of a shared prosperity

By Marquis Hunt

*Help when it is needed is a call for balance  
Help, when it is given is an answer to injustice  
Help, when it is desired is the banner of humility  
Help, when it is unquestionably extended is the posture of  
Divinity*

What do we do when we're ignorant of what is needed?

Do we usually pass over opportunities to make a miracle, answer a prayer or even save lives?

At first glance, this question may seem insignificant, but can you imagine being in a place where someone had exactly the thing that could change your life for the better. They possessed those critical elements which would help you establish a peaceful existence and yet, they offered you nothing. They did this because, for some reason, you didn't register in their mind. You weren't recognized, remembered, or even noticed.

Have you ever been rescued? Do you remember what it felt like – to be in a vulnerable place with no hopeful perspective, no obvious path to freedom or prospect of peace? These moments can feel and seem agonizing, and life doesn't seem so fair or equitable. You've reached for money and come up short. You've reached for peace and could not resist the conflict. You've reached for joy, but the grief is ever looming. You just wanted a break and found yourself broken. So many people around you seem to have all of the things they need and some of

them have so much they seem to have exactly what you need as well. How did you get left out? Looked over? Passed by?

There's a story of a "good" Samaritan who helped someone who had been passed over and left multiple times to continue in agony on a country road. The Samaritan's "good" became extraordinarily emphasized primarily because there were several who passed over the same opportunity and refused to extend help when it was obviously needed. Or maybe it wasn't so obvious to them. Maybe, just maybe they were distracted by something

"more" important. Can you identify with this? Perhaps the quality of your life wasn't so relevant either. It may have been easy to just ignore you because you were not seen as essential to the prevailing and profitable bottom line. Why would someone just leave you there?

I've been there... you've been there... we've been there. And when I have been in this place, I didn't want to talk about my pain or my perceived insufficiency – at least not around some people. Why? Because, in many of those moments, I would feel inadequate, embarrassed, rakishly exposed, and sometimes just absolutely foolish. These things just really shouldn't be. We should not give in to the fear of being helped. We shouldn't even succumb to the notion of inferiority. Beyond these things, we should never sponsor these paralyzing notions in anyone breathing the very same air which sustains our own vitality.

There are times when we don't know how to ask for help and then there are times we don't want to ask. We often think that our asking may contribute to our looking weak. (We do this, you know – make people feel weak when we have a seeming position of power over them.) We have been conditioned to see help, when it is needed, as a sign of inferiority and when it is given, as a sign of superiority. Actually, it is neither. Help is the manifestation of a shared prosperity. It is the gift we have been given so that we can give again. We like gifts; we even pray for them. I don't know a single person praying, who isn't reaching for help. How are these prayers answered? Through people like you and people like me – but only if we are wise enough to keep the Spirit of Life and Love moving unceasingly through us.

Helping is indeed a miracle and not merely a minor miracle; it is a miracle of Life. It is an act of Love is enacted by those who are temporarily stronger for those who are temporarily weaker. And I should note that it is only temporary because once the miracle occurs, it restores balance. There is never a moment in our lives that does not present itself for us to be truly helpful.

*Work your miracle in every moment  
Bring your help in every hour  
Pursue peace with every person  
Live to love with every Life.  
And remember...*

*Help when it is needed is a call for balance  
Help, when it is given is an answer to injustice  
Help, when it is desired is the banner of humility  
Help, when unquestionably extended is the posture of  
Divinity.*

In the face of hatred, may we claim love, Lord.  
 May we love those far off and those near.  
 May we love those who are strangers  
 and those who are friends.  
 May we love those who we agree with  
 and understand, and even more so, Lord,  
 those who we consider to be our enemies.

Silence

Loving God,  
*Make all things new.*



## Bigotry and Guns Equal Disaster

[Episcopal News Service] Episcopal leaders are condemning a deadly, racist rampage at a Buffalo, New York supermarket and joining in prayers for the victims and their families as hate-crime charges loom for the 18-year-old suspect in the shooting.

Payton S. Gendron, who lives 200 miles from Buffalo near the central New York city of Binghamton, is accused of opening fire at a Tops store in a largely Black neighborhood of Buffalo, killing 10 and injuring three people, all but two of them Black. Law enforcement officials have called it “straight up, a racially motivated hate crime,” and a 180-page manifesto attributed to Gendron alludes to the false, racist conspiracy theory that a coordinated “replacement” of white Americans by people of color is underway.

“While we wait to learn more about this unthinkable situation, I ask you to join me in praying for those who have died, for those who are injured and suffering, and for the families and loved ones whose lives will never be the same,” Bishop Sean Rowe said in a written statement after the massacre. “Please pray, too, for the man who commit-

ted this horrific act, and for everyone whose mind and soul is twisted toward the evil of gun violence by racism.”

Rowe, the bishop diocesan of Northwestern Pennsylvania, also serves as bishop provisional of the Buffalo-based Diocese of Western New York through a partnership between the two dioceses. “Racial hatred has no place in our churches or our communities,” Rowe said. “Here in the dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, we are committed to dismantling white supremacy and systemic racism, and we stand in solidarity with the Black community, which today has once again paid an unthinkable price for the twin evils of racism and gun violence.”

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, who grew up in Buffalo and whose father was rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, a historically black congregation in the city, released a statement May 16 saying his “heart is heavy” at the news of the attack near where he and his childhood friends once rode their bikes. He offered prayers for the victims’ families and gratitude for the police officers who ended the carnage.

“The loss of any human life is tragic, but there was deep racial hatred driving this shooting, and we have got to turn from the deadly path our nation has walked for much too long,” Curry said. “Bigotry-based violence — any bigotry at all — against our siblings who are people of color, Jewish, Sikh, Asian, trans, or any other group, is fundamentally wrong. As baptized followers of Jesus of Nazareth, we are called to uphold and protect the dignity of every human child of God, and to actively uproot the white supremacy and racism deep in the heart of our shared life.

On May 15, Rowe led a short prayer service with Denise Clarke-Merriweather, a member of St. Philip's. The prayer service, live-streamed on Zoom and Facebook, incorporated the Litany in the Wake of a mass shooting, which was developed by Bishops United Against Gun Violence after six people were killed at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin in 2012. It is updated regularly with additional prayers for the victims of new mass shootings in the US.

On May 16, the two partner dioceses’ Commission to Dismantle Racism and Discrimination issued a statement lamenting the Buffalo attack, calling it “another reminder of the forces of evil that plague our country requiring the acknowledgement of ongoing traumatization due to racism and discrimination.”

“While we extend our deepest condolences, we know that a commitment to faith-based action is needed now, more than ever,” the commission said. “Please join us in the concerted effort to promote justice, peace, and love within every aspect of our lives in dedication to our deceased and injured neighbors, as well as all individuals who have been victimized as a result of racial discrimination.”

# Voter Information For May 24 Primary

Voting is critical this year and somewhat harder due to new restrictions on voter identification and also the redistricting that has changed where some will vote. Prepare to vote between now and May 24. To confirm that you are currently registered, go to this website:

<https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/VoterView>

Fill in your name and birthdate to verify the registration. When you fill in that information, the reply will confirm you are registered, and your voting place will be identified. You will then have the option of scrolling down to look at Democratic, Independent or Republican ballots; the judicial races are on all ballots. Select the "find a polling place" bullet to go directly to your polling place

Early voting sites are also found on this page. A sample Democratic ballot for the Hillcrest area is shown (to the right). Each sample ballot will be different as different races occur in different precincts. If you are not currently registered, it is too late to do so for the primary election.

To vote absentee, Pulaski County voters and/or their designated bearer have until May 20 before 5:00 p.m. to request an absentee ballot application. Due to new election laws regarding absentee voting, an absent ballot returned in person by the voter and/or designated bearer must be returned at the Pulaski County Courthouse the Friday before Election Day, May 20, before 5:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots that were mailed in must be received by the County Clerk's Office before 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Voters from Pulaski County who wish to vote by absentee ballot can submit their request in person at the courthouse at 401 West Markham Street. Requests made by email, mail or fax must be received before 5:00 p.m. on May 17.

If you are voting, identification is required. A driver's license is the most commonly used ID. Types of additional I.D., which must show the name and address of the voter, include a current and valid state issued photo I.D. An expired driver's license can be used if it expired less than four years ago. If longer than that, one should get a new photo ID from the county clerk's office or from one of the Department of Motor Vehicles locations.

Another website of interest can be found at Primary Election Video PSA - Website.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**Democratic Preferential Primary Election**  
**Nonpartisan Judicial General Election**  
**Pulaski County, Arkansas**  
**May 24, 2022** **D-136**

1. Vote by placing the appropriate mark (●) opposite the person for whom you wish to vote. Vote on amendments, acts, and measures by placing the appropriate mark (●) either FOR or AGAINST the amendment, act or measure.  
 2. Your vote for a candidate and/or ballot measure will not be counted if you mark more than one oval in that particular race or measure.  
 3. If you make a mistake on your ballot, return it to an election official for a replacement ballot. You may replace up to two ballots in an election.

<p><b>U.S. Senate</b> Vote for One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dan Whitfield</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jack E Foster</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Natalie James</p>	<p>Mike Graves Constable Hill Township Justice of the Peace District 1 Sandy Furrer Justice of the Peace District 3 Justice of the Peace Kathy Lewison Justice of the Peace District 4 Justice of the Peace Julie Blackwood Justice of the Peace District 5 Justice of the Peace Lillie Ingram McMillen Justice of the Peace District 6 Justice of the Peace Donna Massey Justice of the Peace District 8 Curtis A. Keith Justice of the Peace District 9 Justice of the Peace District 15 Staci Medlock</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL ELECTION</b> <b>CITY OF LITTLE ROCK</b></p> <p>Central Arkansas Library Mills Tax</p> <p>The reduction of an existing combined rate one and eight tenths (1.8) mills ad valorem tax (currently consisting of two (2) separate nine tenths (0.9) mills) to the new rate of one and three tenths (1.3) mills ad valorem tax levied on the assessed value of taxable real and personal property in the City of Little Rock to be extended and pledged to an issue or issues of taxable, tax-exempt, or both, bonds that do not exceed Forty Two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000) in aggregate principal amount to refund one or more outstanding issues of capital improvement bonds, to finance the acquiring, constructing, and equipping of additional capital improvements for public libraries owned and operated by the City of Little Rock and Central Arkansas Library System; to pay the costs related to the issuance of said bonds, and to authorize the issuance of the bonds on such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the City of Little Rock.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> For</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Against</p>
<p><b>Governor</b> Vote for One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Jones</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jay Martin</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James "Rus" Russell, III</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Supha Xayprasith-Mays</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Anthony "Tony" Bland</p>	<p><b>NONPARTISAN GENERAL JUDICIAL ELECTION</b></p> <p><b>State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 2</b> Vote for One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David Sterling</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Supreme Court Associate Justice Robin Wynne</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Judge Chris Carnahan</p>	<p><b>State Supreme Court Associate Justice Position 6</b> Vote for One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Judge Gunner DeLay</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Supreme Court Justice Karen Baker</p>
<p><b>Secretary of State</b> Vote for One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Anna Beth Gorman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Josh Price</p>	<p><b>Court of Appeals Associate Judge District 6, Position 2</b> Vote for One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Judge Stephanie Casady</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Wendy Wood</p>	<p><b>Prosecuting Attorney District 6</b> Vote for One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alicia "Lisa" Walton</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Will Jones</p>
<p><b>Democratic Unopposed Candidates</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Unopposed Candidates</p> <p>U.S. Congress District 1 Representative Monte Hodges U.S. Congress District 2 Quindessa Hathaway U.S. Congress District 4 John Wise Lt. Governor Kelly Rosa Knott Attorney General Jesse Gibson State Treasurer Pam Whitaker Auditor of State Diamond Arnold-Johnson Commissioner of State Lands Darlene Giddi Gaines State Senate District 8 Senator Stephanie Flowers State Senate District 12 Senator Linda Ponderata-Chesterfield State Senate District 13 Allison Grayday-Sawyer State Senate District 14 Senator Clifton Tucker State Senate District 15 Representative Fred Love State Senate District 17 David Barbell State Representative District 66 State Representative Mark W. Perry State Representative District 67 Jannice M. Cotton State Representative District 69 Zachary A. Gulp State Representative District 70 S. Judson Scanlon State Representative District 71 John J. Pack State Representative District 72 Representative Jamie Scott State Representative District 73 Representative Andrew Collins State Representative District 74 Representative Tippi McCullough State Representative District 75 Rep. Ashley Hudson State Representative District 76 Representative Joy Springer State Representative District 80 State Rep. Denise Ennett Pulaski County Judge County Judge Barry Hyde Pulaski County Sheriff Sheriff Eric Higgins Pulaski Circuit/County Clerk Terri Hollingsworth, Pulaski County Circuit &amp; County Clerk Pulaski County Assessor Assessor Janet Troutman Ward Pulaski County Treasurer Treasurer Dora Buckner Constable Big Rock Township</p>	<p><b>Nonpartisan Unopposed Candidates</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Unopposed Candidates</p> <p>State Supreme Court Assoc. Justice Pos. 7 Supreme Court Justice Rhonda Wood Circuit Judge, District 6, Division 1, Subdistrict 6.1 Judge Leon Johnson</p>	<p><b>Nonpartisan Unopposed Candidates</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Unopposed Candidates</p>

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**EARLY VOTING NOTICE**  
**PULASKI COUNTY**

**MAIN SITE EARLY VOTING**  
**Monday, May 9 - Monday, May 23, 2022**

8:00 am - 6:00 pm on weekdays; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturdays  
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on Monday, May 23  
 Pulaski County Regional Bldg; 501 W. Markham St., Little Rock

**11 ADDITIONAL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**  
**Monday, May 9 - Saturday, May 21, 2022**

10:00 am - 6:00 pm on weekdays  
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturdays

**William F. Laman Library**  
2801 Orange St., North Little Rock

**Bethel Baptist Church**  
112 N. Jeff Davis St., Jacksonville

**Jess Odow Community Center**  
1100 Edgewood Dr., Maumelle

**First Christian Church of Sherwood**  
2803 Kiehl Ave., Sherwood

**Sue Cowan Williams Library**  
1800 S. Chester St., Little Rock

**Dee Brown Library**  
6325 Baseline Rd., Little Rock

**Roosevelt Thompson Library**  
38 Rehling Circle, Little Rock

**Sidney S. McMath Library**  
2100 John Barrow Rd, Little Rock

**John Gould Fletcher Library**  
823 N. Buchanan St., Little Rock

**Adolphine Fletcher Terry Library**  
2015 Napa Valley Dr., Little Rock

**Hillary Clinton Children's Library**  
4800 W. 10th St., Little Rock

**Terri Hollingsworth**  
Pulaski County Circuit and County Clerk

# Bulletin Board



*THE WAY TO CAMP MITCHELL – St. Michael's Vicar Peggy Bosmyer is remembered with the recent dedication in her name of the entry road to Camp Mitchell.*

## Episcopal Church and Social Events in Central Arkansas

### Found: Gems from a Classical Repertoire

Violinist Andrew Irvin and pianist May Tsao-Lim will perform works by two African-American composers whose music, while celebrated in their lifetimes, has been long lost. The performance begins at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 23, at St. Luke's in North Little Rock. Admission is free and open to the public.

### Ascension Day Services On Thursday, May 27th

Christ Church, Little Rock – Eucharist with incense, 7 p.m.  
 St. Mark's, Little Rock – Eucharist in the chapel, 12 noon.  
 Trinity, Searcy – Eucharist, 12 noon.  
 St. Margaret's, Little Rock – Evensong, 7 p.m.  
 Good Shepherd, Little Rock – Sung Eucharist, 12 noon.  
 St. Michael's – 'Kites and Communion,' 6 p.m., Murray Park

### Registration Open For Summer Quest

Summer Quest 2022 will be held June 3–5 at Camp Mitchell. The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, the Rev. Elizabeth Henry-Mc-Keever, and the Rev. Hannah Hooker will lead the retreat and will focus on 'life lessons' from author and podcaster Kate Bowler. For a full schedule and information on how to register, download a brochure .

The choirs of Christ Church and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral will present a concert in honor of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II at 3 p.m. on June 5 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. The program will consist of music written for coronations, written during the queen's reign, or written by composers associated with the queen. The event is free and open to the public and will conclude with a festive reception.

### Washed Out Color? Getting Fuzzygraphs?

The photo gizmo in your newer cellphones will give you pretty good photographs. But you can still get a bad one every now and then. Want to know why? Lee Russell is planning a get together on the little things you need to think about when taking photographs, regardless of the camera's size.

Among the things that will be discussed will be locating and using available light sources; camera movement, and how to frame the photo. At the end of the session, Lee will offer his camera and lenses to someone on the condition that they join The Sword staff as its photographer.

The date and time are open and will depend in interest in the session.

### Bishop to Visit Church

Bishop Larry Benfield will visit St. Michael's on the afternoon of Sunday, June 5th when we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in our traditional manner:

Scheduled for 4 p.m., there will be a lot to celebrate: baptism, confirmation, reception, reaffirmation - whoo-hoo!

If you want to be officially welcomed to this community on June 5th, please let Elizabeth know at [Elizabeth@stmichaels-church.net](mailto:Elizabeth@stmichaels-church.net).

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