



Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry at The Park

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FORWARD

A Christian Community that Embraces the Divinity of Difference

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Dear Family and Friends of The Park,

What a wonderful journey it has been! One of the greatest privileges and joys of our lives and ministry together has been the ten years we have shared with you here at the Park Avenue Christian Church of New York City.

Some of the highlights of our collaborative endeavors are:

- **DISCERNING** that the most prudent and faithful stewardship of The Park's resources was that of selling our "air rights", thereby making possible plans for a condo apartment development adjacent to our sanctuary. The Park will own three floors in the new building, and will receive \$24.5 million to build our endowment, preserve our sanctuary and continue to expand our ministry and outreach to the city and the world into the next millennium.
- **SHAPING** 2010 and 2020 Vision Plans that have guided the congregation's ongoing pursuit of "true community, deep spirituality and with a passion for justice." We have become ever more intentional in being a community that dares to embrace the dignity and divinity of difference as we seek to provide a radical welcome to all.
- **COMPLETING** a painful separation, but essential relocation of the Park Avenue Christian Church Day School following a fifty year relationship with the Park.
- **ESTABLISHING** joint affiliation between Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ (2011) and adopting a new organizational structure, Design and By-Laws.
- **GROWING** our membership and deepening our involvement. We have experienced cycles of decline and growth. And yet, most recently, we have seen an increasing number of young families, along with an array of couples and singles. Most of our members have been here five years or less. In many ways The Park is a new church start.



**Rev. Dr. Alvin O'Neal Jackson
and wife, Mrs. Ernestine Jackson**

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EVENTS OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for Worship, Study, Fellowship and Prayer @ *The Park*

Weekly Happenings



Sunday Morning Choir Rehearsals

Visit the online events calendar for more info on the Sanctuary/Gospel Choir times.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

Room A (back of the Sanctuary ~ South Room), 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Prayer

Narthex, 10:00 AM

Sunday Children Activities and Study

Children's Corridor (Back Hall),
10:00 AM check in, 1:00 PM pick up

Recorder Rehearsal

Tuesday evenings, Sanctuary, 6:00 PM

Monthly Happenings

Bilingual Bible Study

A group gathering on the 2nd
Sunday of every month, 10:00
AM, at *The Park*



Latino Initiative Worship Service

A worship in Spanish on the 3rd Sunday of every month, 3:00 PM, at *The Park*

Intercessory Prayer

1st Tuesday of every month, 6:30 PM, at *The Park*

Special Occasions

Farewell Celebration, 11:00 AM



Please join us for a brief program and reception as we express appreciation for the Jacksons' 10 years of ministry at *The Park*.

To RSVP please call 212.288.3246 X 102 or email Stephanie Wilson at swilson@parkavenuechristian.com

Church 206th Anniversary

Celebrating 206 years of witness and ministry
October 9, 2016

The Blessing of the Animals

October 23, 1:00 PM, at *The Park*

All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2016

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Not going to make the Farewell Celebration at The Park? There is still time to register:

**Mississippi Boulevard
Christian Church**

70 North Bellevue • Memphis, TN.

September 30, 2016

Friday | 7:00 PM

For additional information contact:

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Joyce McNulty Blackmon

901.528.0956 • jblacassoc@aol.com

Rev. Sonia Louden Walker

901.482.1508 • slwgreatideas@aol.com

SoulFood Fellowships

@ The Park: SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 25 @ 12:30 PM.

Meets at the church and is led by Richard Sturm & Bruce Wood.



SoulFood Fellowships for Spanish Speakers:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 @ 6:30 PM. Meets in the home of Ismael Sanchez & Daisy Machado (Morningside Heights, Manhattan) and is led by Ismael Sanchez and Hugo Monroy.

Coffee Hour



Volunteers Needed

Email Stephanie Wilson at swilson@parkavenuechristian.com for more information.

NEWS & NOTES

We collected offerings for various missions throughout the year. With your generous giving we raised funds for the following organizations:

- Disciples Justice Center for Public Witness: \$420.00
- Disciples of Christ: \$1,566
- GLAD Alliance: \$801
- Haiti Wells: \$2,471
(Just shy of a new well)
- Immigration Clinic Resources: \$559
- New York Common Pantry: \$380
- Richard Sturm Scholarship Fund: \$423
- Saturday Community Lunch Program: \$836
- United Church of Christ: \$1,039

It is through your contributions that we continuing our mission and vision. Thank you for graciously helping our neighbors and making a difference in this world.

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- **GROWING** our stewardship and increasing our commitment to missions. We have also made significant, major capital improvements to the church: central air conditioning, new front doors, handicap lift and complete renovation of the manse.
- **EXPANDING** our outreach with new, original, fresh, and innovative ministries and programs including SoulFood Fellowship Gatherings, Lifeline Recovery Ministry, Gospel Choir, Youth Choir, Quest, Arts in The Park, XY Fellowship (Ministry for Millennials), After School Program, Immigration Clinics, Water Wells in Haiti, Morning Prayers, Weekly Walk Offerings for Outreach to Hispanics.

Our hearts are full with joy and gratitude with the call of the Reverend Kaji Douša as your new senior pastor. And we know with her creative and refreshing approach to ministry, but deeply rooted in meaningful traditions and your renewed commitment to the work, the best days are yet ahead for The Park!

Even at our distance from our new home in Jacksonville, FL, our prayers, love and support will continue.

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)

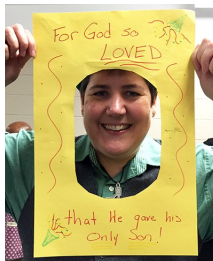
Loving you Madly Always!

Alvin O’Neal and Tina Jackson

Seek the shalom of the city where I have called you....and pray unto the Lord for it: for in its shalom, you will also find your shalom. (Jeremiah 29:7)

Children & Youth Ministries at *The Park*

Join Us Each Sunday for Worship, Learning, and Play



Marjorie Watrobski



Immigration Clinic

The first Immigration Clinic of 2016 will be held September 24, 10:00 am, at The Park. We can help with applications for citizenship, a greencard, or other immigration statuses.

Location: Park Avenue Christian Church, 1010 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028

Please contact Stephanie Wilson at swilson@parkavenuechristian.com or 212 288 3246 to RSVP to schedule an appointment to meet with one of the immigration attorneys during the Clinic.



Saturday, September 24th
SABADO, 24 DE SEPTIEMBRE
SAMEDI, LE 24 SEPTEMBRE
10am — 12pm

Park Avenue Christian Church & CWS WILL HOST A
FREE IMMIGRATION CLINIC
CLÍNICA GRATUITA DE INMIGRACIÓN
ATELIER SUR L'IMMIGRATION—GRATUIT

CALL 212 288 3246 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

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Location: Park Avenue Christian Church, 1010 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028

Call ahead to reserve your appointment. We also accept walk-ins.

LLAME 212 288 3246 PARA HACER UNA CITA

Lo podemos ayudar con formularios de ciudadanía, residencia, u otros estados de inmigración de los EE.UU.

Ubicación: Park Avenue Christian Church, 1010 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028

Llame con anticipación para hacer una cita. Personas sin citas podrían ser atendidas.

CONTACTEZ 212 288 3246 POUR PRENDRE RENDEZ-VOUS

Nous saurons vous assister à remplir les formulaires de citoyenneté, de résidence et d'autres étapes de l'immigration aux États-unis.

Où: Park Avenue Christian Church, 1010 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028

Appelez dès maintenant pour prendre rendez-vous. Nous recevons aussi même sans rendez-vous.

Food Drive

The New York Common Pantry is dedicated to reducing hunger throughout New York City while promoting dignity and self-sufficiency.



WE'RE COLLECTING

FROM: July 24, 2016

TO: September 30, 2016

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED

September 2016:

No or low-sugar cereals and oatmeal (Ex: Special K, Cheerios, Quaker Oats)

Snack time: Granola bars, cereal bars

Canned fruit

Canned vegetables

Canned or dried beans and peas

Canned soup, chili, stew

Hamburger Helper

Macaroni and Cheese

Pasta (boxes or bags)

Rice (boxes or bags)

Peanut butter and jelly

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon)

Fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxes)

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: (212) 288-3246

Prayer Ministry

PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

One of our Pastors, other Clergy or Elders are always happy to visit with anyone in need of individual prayer after worship. Someone will be stationed in the Chancel area each Sunday.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

First Tuesday of each month at the church, 6:00 pm

Contacts:

Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena - rev.luisalfredo@gmail.com;

Hillary Buckland - Hillary.Buckland@nycha.nyc.gov

THE-PARK-PRAYS ON-LINE

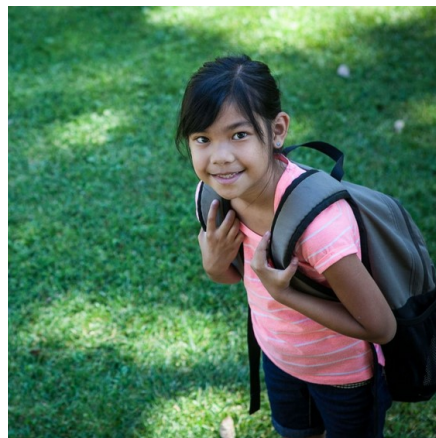
To be added, contact Pam Wood, bandpwood@aol.com (or 917-882-7667, talk/text). Once you are a member, you can post a prayer or prayer request.

ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

Healing prayer group, NYC Chapter meets monthly for worship, study and healing prayer. Contact Pam Wood: bandpwood@aol.com, 917-882-7667

#StuffThePack for Literacy

The Park is launching a 'Stuff the Pack' project for students K-12. We need your help in meeting a goal of 50 donated backpacks that will be filled with school supplies. The items will be donated to local school systems throughout the Greater New York City area.



FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: (212) 288-3246 or visit <http://www.parkavenuechristian.com/help-the-park-stuffthepack-for-literacy/> for a list of suggestions.

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Birthdays at *The Park*

SEPTEMBER

Allen Merritt 9/2
Emily Ney 9/6
Patricia Scales 9/6
Steven Macdonald 9/6
George Schmidt 9/6
Kathryn Brewer-Calvert 9/7
Judith Wray 9/8
Carol Somplatsky-Jarman 9/9
Rev. Dr. Evelyn DeJesus 9/9
Maggie Adolphe 9/10

Agnes Leyden 9/10
Scott Edson 9/10
Jonathan Spencer 9/10
Sandra Monroy 9/11
Alison Ney 9/12
Will Pagano 9/12
Alec Wirth 9/13
Paul Vasile 9/13
Joyce Clevenger 9/13
Wayne Plumer 9/15

Leslee Sumner 9/15
Leena Sanders 9/15
Keith Pinkston 9/15
Robert Castro 9/16
Kay McFarland 9/16
Scott Sublett 9/18
Alexis O'Reilly 9/18
Katrina Mitchell 9/19
Casey Watrobski 9/22
Deb Wada 9/23
Fredericka Cunningham 9/29

OCTOBER

Alison Gurin 10/1
Rev. Dr. Anne Coffman 10/2
Bonnie Thornton Dill 10/5
Beth Pease 10/5
Lee Grisham 10/6
Joseph (Joe) Roberson 10/6
Carol Griffiths 10/6
Frances Manners 10/8
Iris L. Burroughs 10/12

Rev. Dr. Harry B. Adams 10/13
Vincent (Vince) Pagano Jr 10/14
Lynn Marie Macy 10/17
Andrew Seiscio 10/18
Amenan Kouadio 10/18
Sherry Giles 10/21
Nadeige Genece Sekyamah 10/22
Mona Lisa Martin 10/24
Bruce Carlson 10/26

Estella Pate 10/27
Mary N. Cochran-Schlottman 10/27
Rev. Gerry Brague 10/28
Sarah Mook 10/29
Michael Camara 10/31

NOVEMBER

Rev. Dr. Richard Strum 11/1
Stephen Tickner 11/2
Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert 11/4
James (Jim) Gaynor 11/4
Andrew Adams 11/4
Carrie Hamby 11/5
Rev. Dr. Daisy Machado 11/8
Barbara Shacklett 11/9
Rev. Maria Lopez 11/10

Donald Wong 11/11
Jasmine Briggs 11/11
Rev. John Payne 11/14
David W. Wallace 11/15
Samantha Manners 11/15
Charles Gruber 11/19
Joseph (Joe) Lynett 11/22
Phil Chester 11/23
Matthew James Gruber 11/24

Norman Bell 11/25
PJ Lovejoy 11/25
Jonathan Robert Culver 11/26
Angela D. Starks 11/28
Christina Crowe 11/29

