

 **FORWARD**  
WEEKLY

January 1, 2017 Edition

## Welcome

**Everybody needs a place to belong.  
Find yours here!**

### Our Vision

We dare to see a faithful, growing healthy congregation in the hundreds over the next five years that seeks to demonstrate true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

### Our Values

We dare to be a church that embraces and celebrates the divinity and dignity of difference by actively seeking and welcoming all people regardless of race, age, culture, economic circumstance, sexual/gender orientation, physical or mental condition. We dare to be a church that lives to serve others.

### Our Mission

We dare to do ministry in such a way that reaches and impacts the upper east side, the city of New York and beyond with the radical claims of the gospel of Jesus Christ through our worship and witness as we strive to build the beloved community of God.

### Visiting or checking us out today?

*The Park* may be the place for you. Here's how to connect:

- Join us for *Coffee Hour*, a time of refreshments and hospitality immediately after worship.
- Ask questions or make inquiries of the Greeters and Deacons, fill out a welcome card or the pew pad.
- Wanting to connect with Pastor Douša? Call or email the church office. She would welcome the opportunity to meet over a meal or drinks. Please call 212-288-3246 or email [swilson@parkavenuechristian.com](mailto:swilson@parkavenuechristian.com).

### Thinking about joining?

It would be our pleasure to welcome you to *The Park*. It is easy to join, simply walk forward during the singing of the Invitation to Christian Discipleship (right after the sermon). Pastor Douša will receive you and the whole church will welcome you.

### Sharing Your Time, Talents and Treasure

We want you to live out your calling here at *The Park*, and we need your time and your talents, as well as your financial support. Please know that so much of what we are able to

do is because of the generous service and support of our members and friends.

If you'd like to receive a pledge card, please see one of the Deacons after worship.

### Remembering those in prayer this week:

Bess Terry, Worley Reynolds, Justin Strickland, Etti Schiller, Francisca Torres, Mary Virginia Moore, Josiah Waters, Jaimie Arkelian, Dorothy McCarthy, Terry Jones, Teresa Sulyok, Sigrid Sunstedt, Jeremy Watrobski, Tomás Andrew, Sterling Ashby, and Barbara Sanders.



**If you have additions or deletions to the prayer list, please notify the church office at 212-288-3246.**

## PRAYER

PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER SUNDAY  
WORSHIP SERVICE.

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

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the church.) 6:00 pm

Contacts:

Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena –  
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Hillary Buckland –  
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THE-PARK-PRAYS-ON-LINE

To be added, contact Pam Wood,  
bandpwood@aol.com (or 917-882-7667, talk/text). As  
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.

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### Upcoming:

Every Sunday, **Choir Rehearsal**, 9:00 am, *The Park*  
Every Sunday, **Adult Bible Study**, 10:00 am, Room A  
Every Sunday, **Children's Sunday School**, 10:00 check in,  
1:00 pm pick up  
Every Tuesday, **Recorder Consort Rehearsal**, 6:00 pm, *The Park*  
  
Today, **Elders Meeting**, 12:30 pm, Room A Saturday, January 7,  
**Community Lunch Program**, 1:00 pm, Manhattan Church of  
Christ, 48 East 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Madison Avenue  
Saturday, January 14, **Community Lunch Program**, 1:00 pm,  
Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Madison  
Avenue  
Sunday, January 15, **Bilingual (Spanish/English) Worship  
Service**, 1:30 pm  
Tuesday, January 17, **Ministry Council Meeting**, 7:00 pm,  
Room A  
Saturday, January 21, **CPE Orientation**, 10:00 am  
Saturday, January 28, **Community Lunch Program**, 1:00 pm,  
Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80<sup>th</sup> Street near Madison  
Avenue  
Sunday, January 29, **Annual Congregation Meeting**, 12:30 pm

Be sure to sign up for The Park's  
weekly e-bulletin to keep up with  
everything going on at The Park!



<http://www.parkavenuechristian.com/newsletter-subscribe/>

## NEWS & NOTES

The mission offering for the last few weeks was for **DOC  
Christmas Fund**. We collected \$486. Thank you.

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## SoulFood



## Fellowships

**SoulFood Fellowships** provide an opportunity to meet once  
a month for Bible study, conversation, prayer, and  
fellowship with others.

**Stay Tuned for future dates!**

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## Clinical Pastoral Education: Focus on Prison Ministry



Park Avenue Christian Church is offering an intensive unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) focusing on individuals and families affected by incarceration. The Program Director is Rev. Maria Lopez, who served for twenty years as a prison chaplain at Rikers Island and Bedford Hills Correctional Facilities. CPE provides an opportunity for those in religious leadership, both clergy and lay, to develop and deepen their skills in listening and healing. CPE students focus on the living human document in need of their attention. The CPE program at The Park will focus on all facets of incarceration: the prisoner, their families and those who are targeted (the poor).

**The extended unit begins January 21.** Additional info and an application form are available.

**For more information contact: The Park at**  
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**The Rev. Dr. Maria Lopez at**  
[revmarialopez@yahoo.com](mailto:revmarialopez@yahoo.com) or (347) 994-4444  
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[abdussalaam1943@gmail.com](mailto:abdussalaam1943@gmail.com) or (347) 407-6828

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## Wolves and Lambs: Advent 2016

This year, we invite you to join in collective prayer and study as we walk each day through special Advent devotional reflections written by the UCC Stillspeaking Writer's Group. (Pastor Kaji is a contributing editor for this group.)

Copies will be available for a \$5 donation in the Narthex (in the front of the church).

To encourage reflection and discussion on these pieces, we're encouraging anyone interested to sign up to offer a response to the reflection on Facebook.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ParkAvenueChristian/>

