

December 4, 2016 Edition

 **FORWARD**
WEEKLY

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.

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, and Tomás Andrew.



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

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

Contacts:

Rev. Luis-Alfredo Cartagena –
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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.

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, **Holiday Choir Rehearsal**, 1:00 pm
 Tuesday, December 6, **SoulFood Fellowship for Spanish Speakers**, 6:30 pm, Meets in the Home (Morningside Heights, Manhattan) and is led by Rev. Dr. Daisy L. Machado and Rev. Ismael Sanchez.
 Saturday, December 10, **Community Lunch Program**, 1:00 pm, Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80th Street, near Madison Avenue
 Saturday, December 10, **Order of St. Luke Chapter Meeting**, 1:00 pm, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 240 E. 31st Street between Second and Third Avenue. Call, text or email Pam for more info. 917-882-7667, bandpwood@aol.com
 Sunday, December 11, **Elders Meeting**, 12:30 pm, Room A

Now through December 11

Annual Giving Tree to benefit Harlem United



Please choose a tag and buy a gift for a child of the age indicated on the tag. Then, return the gift, UNwrapped, with the tag, to the church by Sunday, DECEMBER 11, 2016. Harlem United's housing program serves people living with HIV/AIDS, and works to ensure that their clients receive support needed to manage multiple challenges they face.

Gift Ideas: Books, Arts and Craft kits, Learning Toys, Visa Gift Cards (older youth)

The Youth and Children's Ministries at the Park Avenue Christian Church appreciate your support!! Merry Christmas!!

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/>

Today, following Worship Hanging of the Greens



All are invited to join the fun as we transform *The Park* into that magical place that eagerly awaits the birth of Jesus Christ.

Now through December 14

Help Decorate The Park with Christmas Poinsettias



Christmas at The Park is a beautiful time of year, in part because of the festive greenery that is added to the Sanctuary, including gorgeous poinsettias. The poinsettias are an annual tradition that is made possible by

your donations. People often like to donate poinsettias in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or in observance of a special personal occasion.

If you would like to make a gift of poinsettias to The Park this holiday season, please email the church office at office@parkavenuechristian.com or fill out the form at the church on Sunday.

Be sure to join us in worship this season, while enjoying the splendid holiday flowers at The Park. Thank you for helping to make the season merry and bright!

**Saturday, December 10,
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Parents' Day Out**

The Park Avenue Christian Church Youth and Children's Ministries would like to invite parents to a day off, in order for you to enjoy your holiday shopping without your kids seeing their gifts!!! We can help by taking your kiddies off your hands!! Please let one of the Youth and Children's Ministries staff know if your child will be able to attend! If you have any questions or concerns, contact Margie at mwatrobski@parkavenuechristian.com.

