

THE WORD FROM BROADWAY

By Rodney Wallace, Interim Pastor

It is hard for me to believe that the holidays are upon us. Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, that most American of all the holidays. It is my favorite holiday because it was the one on which my dad did not have to work. He was the lowest in seniority at his job and the more senior workers took Christmas off, so Thanksgiving fell to my dad. Our small family would gather at our house and enjoy the food that my mother and aunt prepared: pecan pie, strawberry cake, turkey and of course, my mother's chicken and dressing. Before her memory began to deteriorate, I asked my mother to write down her recipe and it is about 4 pages, front and back and very detailed. We keep it in a fireproof safe.

When I finished seminary and went on active duty as a Navy Chaplain, I was usually busy with Christmas Eve services and on Christmas Day, my family and I would usually go to the mess hall, or the ship, to eat Christmas dinner with the troops. Probably because of the importance of Thanksgiving to me in my growing up years, Thanksgiving Day remains my favorite holiday.

Thanksgiving brings with it the preparation for the Advent Season and Christmas. At Broadway, we will welcome the Advent Season with the lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles which represent Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. We cordially invite each of you to join us.

We hope and pray that in the coming year, there will be Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward all, and may it begin with each of us.

BROADWAY UMC UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving potluck luncheon

November 11, following
the 11 a.m. worship service

Community Christmas Caroling

December 8 at 7 p.m.
in the fellowship hall
A pot luck dinner will be served
and baked goods will be available
for sale. Caroling will follow the meal

Christmas Eve service of Carols and Candles

Monday, December 24, at 7 PM

You and your family and friends are
most welcome to join us as we
prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus,
The Prince of Peace!

THE GARDEN TOUR IS COMING!

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a garden tour to provide the motivation. If you are interested in participating, please let a member of the garden tour committee know at this upcoming LEHHNA meeting. We are also looking for volunteers if you would like to help plan the tour or help out the day of the event.

We anticipate as many as 600 attendees will visit our neighborhood this year, with most visiting Garden Central and then walking to all of the gardens on the tour throughout Lake Eola Heights. This would be a great opportunity to spruce up your own garden and help the neighborhood put its best face forward!

March is the best month to fertilize in Florida Gardens. Milorganite is a great for turf; it's a recycled byproduct that won't burn your lawn. For shrubs and trees, it's best to use something more tailored to the specific plant material like an acidic fertilizer for camellias and azaleas or a tropical mix for palms, tibouchinas and philodendrons. The tropical mix has a lot of minor elements that are crucial to help these types of plants to perform their best. Liquid fertilizers are great to spray directly on the foliage for a boost of nutrition to get leaves looking their healthiest and promote blooms. Weekly applications the month before

the tour will do wonders.

Ironically, spring is more like fall in Central Florida when the live oaks drop their leaves. Oak leaves are a fantastic mulch and return significant nutrition to the soil. Make it easy on yourself and make your plants happy, too. Rather than bagging up the leaves and throwing them away, just rake them into your planting beds. It's better for the plants and the environment!

Spring is also a great time to add new plants to your garden. The Leu Gardens plant sale has plenty to choose from and will be held in mid-March next year -- just in time to get something before the garden tour! Some newer introductions worthy of consideration are a beautiful, tropical walking iris called *Neomarica caerulea* "Reginae" with large purple flowers that should be blooming during the tour. A good native plant that is beneficial to wild life is wild coffee, *Psychotria nervosa*. It is a medium shrub with large glossy leaves, small white flowers and deep red berries. A new cultivar of Lily Turf (*Liriope muscari*) called "Green Goddess" grows well and flowers much more than most other varieties.

There's plenty of time left to get your garden ready and we hope to see you at the tour!

Happy gardening!