

Memorial Garden Ministry 2020 Annual Report

The Memorial Garden Ministry's first and foremost responsibility is to ensure that St. Paul's Memorial Garden is and continues to be a place for the interment/inurment of ashes in simple dignity and in surroundings which proclaim our resurrection faith.

The Ministry submits the following for 2020 – a year of restrictions due to COVID-19:

- Continued to have major workdays (spring and winter), while practicing social distancing and wearing masks, and performed routine maintenance of the Memorial Garden. Additionally, made sure that the irrigation system was inspected and maintained, replacing one valve.
- Cleaned all granite and pavers throughout the Memorial Garden.
- Placed greenery on the Markers in the Garden and arranged flowers in vases for the Columbarium for Easter and Advent. Palms were placed in all of the vases for Palm Sunday. And, seasonal flowers were planted in the Columbarium's pots.
- Ensured that the Memorial Garden was prepared and flowers in place for two interments in the Garden.
- Ordered the engraving of two names for the Garden's Marker. Ordered three urns with engraved facing plates for reserved Niches in the Columbarium. The services for the inurments were postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions and precautions.
- Maintained and updated the Garden Plot Plan and the Columbarium Niche Plan.
- Continued to maintain the Memorial Garden Handbook.

Due to an act of vandalism in the Memorial Garden, the committee will work with the Rector in the coming year to design and install a sign to remind people of its sacred ground.

This has been a difficult year for all. COVID-19 restrictions and precautions have forced the postponement of three inurments in the Columbarium and one interment in the Garden. The members of the Memorial Garden Ministry extend their heartfelt sympathies to the four families affected.

Members of the Ministry are Frank Bricio, Lisa Brown, Gale Herrman, Alana Loughlin, Katie and Kurt Robinson, Pete Stockett, Jackie Straub, Gordon Werner and Keith Wood.

We continue to be grateful to those volunteers who assist in the major workdays, maintenance or in the arrangement of flowers. Those parishioners are Jon Copperwheat, Brad Hirschy, Kay Lindquist, Joyce Loughlin, Stacey Prudich (and her son, Zach), and Paula Sours.