

Memorial Garden Ministry 2021 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/inurnment of ashes in simple dignity and in surroundings which proclaim our resurrection faith.

The Ministry submits the following for 2021 – a year of continuing restrictions due to COVID 19:

- Continued to have major workdays (spring and winter), while practicing social distancing, and performed routine maintenance of the Memorial Garden. Additionally, made sure that the irrigation system was inspected and maintained.
- Cleaned all granite and pavers throughout the Memorial Garden, including the three granite tops of the Columbarium, which was quite an undertaking.
- Replaced a portion of the Garden's grass that developed an aggressive fungus, resulting from a very wet winter and a dry spring. During the dry spring, the irrigation system had been turned off due to the construction work on the Parish Hall.
- Placed greenery on the Markers in the Garden and arranged flowers in the vases of the Columbarium for Easter and Advent. Seasonal flowers were planted in the Columbarium's pots.
- Ensured that the Memorial Garden was prepared and flowers in place for one interment in the Garden.
- Prepared the Columbarium, along with flowers, for five inurnments.
- Ordered the engraving of two names for the Garden's Marker. Ordered five urn packages for Niches in the Columbarium.
- Maintained and updated the Garden Plot Plan and the Columbarium Niche Plan.
- Continued to maintain the Memorial Garden Handbook.

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 arrangement of flowers. Those parishioners are Phil Brown, Jon Copperwheat, Brad Hirschy, Kay Lindquist, Joyce Loughlin, Stacey Prudich and her children, Ryan and Katie.