

Memorial Garden Ministry 2015 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 that proclaim our resurrection faith.

The committee members submit the following for 2015:

- Continued to have major workdays and performed routine maintenance of the Memorial Garden.
- Placed greenery on the Markers for Easter and Advent.
- Ensured that the Memorial Garden was prepared and flowers in place for two interments and one inurnment.
- Ordered the engraving for the Garden's Marker and the Columbarium's niche facing plate.
- Maintained and Updated both the Garden Plot Plan and the Columbarium Niche Plan.
- Oversaw the removal of the dead Redbud trees and azaleas. The azaleas have been replaced and the Redbuds will be replaced in the early part of 2016 by Brickman (formerly ValleyCrest).
- Due to the poor performance of the granite dust product used on the Memorial Garden's walkway, the decision was made to replace the granite dust with pavers. With the assistance of Stewart, Inc., Fred Adams Paving was selected to install pavers. A plan for the installation of the walkway was designed by Scott Simmons of Stewart, Inc.
- Added two names to the Remembrance Wall, bringing the total engraved names listed to 26.
- One prepaid contract was made for reserving a plot in the Garden, which brings the total reserved contracts for the Garden to 41 and for the Columbarium to 34.

Since the Memorial Garden is sustained by contract fees and donations, it is important to have an understanding of the Garden's financial prognosis. On the committee's request, Dan Loughlin the Ministry's Vestry Liaison, made an in-depth, long term analysis of the Memorial Garden's current and future cash flow. Based on that analysis, the committee is in the consideration process of raising the contract fees for the Memorial Garden.

Members of the committee are the Rev. George Adamik, Frank Bricio, Lisa Brown, Gale Herrman, Katie and Kurt Robinson, Pete Stockett, Jackie Straub, Gordon Werner, and Keith Wood.