

Memorial Garden Ministry 2016 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 submits the following for 2016:

- Continued to have major workdays and performed routine maintenance of the Memorial Garden.
- Placed greenery on the Markers for Easter and Advent, and Palms were placed in the vases for Palm Sunday.
- Ensured that the Memorial Garden was prepared and flowers in placed for three interments and one inurnment.
- Ordered the engraving for the Garden's Marker and the Columbarium's niche facing plate.
- Maintained and updated the Garden Plot Plan and the Columbarium Niche Plan. Oversaw the replacement of the two Redbud trees by Brickman Landscaping.
- Added one name to the Remembrance Wall, bringing the total engraved names listed to 27.
- Two prepaid contracts were made for reserving plots in the Garden, and one prepaid contract was made for the Columbarium, bringing the total reserved contracts for the Garden to 43 and for the Columbarium to 35.
- Developed a Memorial Garden Handbook for use by the committee members and church staff.

On the committee's request in 2015, Dan Loughlin prepared an in-depth, long term analysis of the Memorial Garden's current and future cash flow. Based upon that analysis, the committee recommended in January of 2016, and the Vestry approved in February of 2016, a fees increase for the Memorial Garden to start in January of 2017.

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