

Memorial Garden Ministry 2018 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 2018:

- Continued to have major workdays and performed routine maintenance of the Memorial Garden. Additionally, made sure that the irrigation system was inspected and maintained.
- 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 place for six interments in the Garden.
- Ordered the engraving of the deceased persons' names for the Garden's Marker.
- Maintained and updated the Garden Plot Plan and the Columbarium Niche Plan.
- Added two names to the Remembrance Wall.
- Continued to refine and maintain the Memorial Garden Handbook for use by the committee members and the church staff.
- A member of the committee walked through the Memorial Garden area with a Cary Police Officer to assess the safety of the area.

At the November Vestry meeting, the Vestry approved the following recommendations made by the Memorial Garden Committee: to permit the full middle name of a purchaser of a Columbarium Niche; to reduce the fee of \$2500 to \$1500 for a single person purchasing a Columbarium Niche; and, to limit future prepaid Garden contracts to 50% of the remaining available plots in the Garden. The Memorial Garden Guidelines were amended to reflect the recommendations.

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

Members of the Memorial Garden continue to be grateful to those volunteers who assist in the major workdays, maintenance, or in the arrangement of flowers. Those parishioners are Phil Brown (and granddaughter, Layla), Jon Copperwheat, Brad Hirschy, Joyce Loughlin, Stacey Prudich (and her children, Ryan, Katie and Zach), and Paula Sours.