

## **Memorial Garden Ministry 2019 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 Committee submits the following for 2019:

- Continued to have major workdays (spring and winter) and performed routine maintenance of the Memorial Garden. Additionally, made sure that the irrigation system was inspected and maintained.
- 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.
- Ensured that the Memorial Garden was prepared and flowers in place for five interments in the Garden and two inurnments in the Columbarium.
- Ordered the engraving of the five names for the Garden's Markers and ordered the two urns with engraved facing plates for the Columbarium's Niches.
- Added one name to the Remembrance Wall.
- Maintained and updated the Garden Plot Plan and the Columbarium Niche Plan.
- Continued to maintain the Memorial Garden Handbook.
- Removed the fountain (no longer working) and the marble pedestal with bowl from the Columbarium. Added two matching flower planters in their places.

In 2020, the Memorial Garden Committee will explore the timing and possibility of adding the two final niche units (90 niches) to the large Columbarium. In addition, the Memorial Garden Committee will work with the Grounds Committee in replacing the current storage used by the two committees for a larger one.

Members of the committee are Frank Bricio, Lisa Brown, Gale Herrman, 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 workday, maintenance, or in the arrangement of flowers. Those parishioners are Jon Copperwheat, Brad Hirschy, Kay Lindquist, Joyce Loughlin, Stacey Prudich (and her children, Katie and Zach), and Paula Sours. Additionally, we welcome Dennis Pfeiffer to the Volunteer Team!