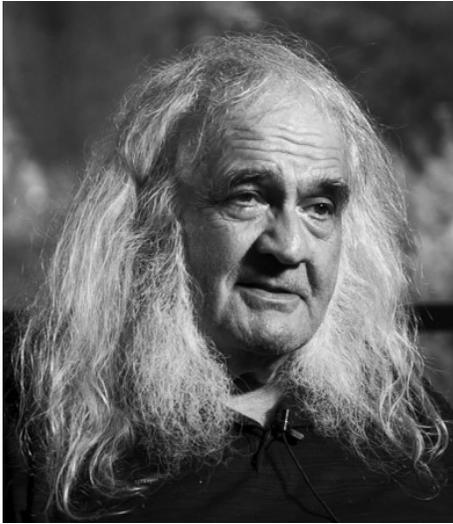


# Nightwatch News

May, 2020

## Just one old man

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Dennis was just one old man in a constellation of old men who circulate around Nightwatch.

During Holy Week, I found him on the floor of his apartment. The medics could not revive him.

Dennis drove a cab. He gave free rides and tried to continue making his living in the age of Uber and Lyft. He was usually broke.

Last Christmas, he drove all the way to West Seattle to pick up a guy at a nursing home. He brought Pat to the building for Christmas dinner. Watching him half-carry Pat up the stairs was a picture of compassion.

Did we make life any better for Dennis? He was homeless before moving in. At Nightwatch he had his own room, stability, food, and best of all, a community of friends.

That community is afraid and sad. Dennis was just another old man. He was a living, loving, breathing, caring human being. And we will miss him.

*O Lord, grant eternal rest and may your perpetual light shine upon Dennis. Amen. ●*

## Dealing with change

By Tonette Winston,  
Dispatch Center Manager

Because of COVID-19, the Dispatch Center has made several changes quickly, to keep everyone safe.

Change is difficult for all and the frustration often boils over as our homeless friends wait in line.

I was outside the other night explaining the new restrictions and what we have now implemented, and why. A couple of our guys said, "Tonette, now you understand our day-to-day existence. You aren't used to having anyone boss you around, like we are every day. You aren't used to having people turn away from you, like we experience every day. This whole thing is nothing new for us."

It's true. I'm personally struggling with separation, and my guys remind me every day that I am lucky because I will have the opportunity in the future to reclaim my freedom. This cannot last forever.

But homeless folks will continue as they always have, in their separated lives.

God help us to love them as best we can, even now. Thank you for making this work possible through your donations. **"Be Kind. Be Nightwatch."** ●



# NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night  
community in the  
name of Christ



**GiveBIG 2020!**  
Tuesday & Wednesday,  
May 5-6

Help our neighbors  
who are most in need.  
Early giving has started!  
Give now!

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operation-nightwatch](http://www.givebigwa.org/operation-nightwatch)

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Tom Barker  
Lola Davidson  
Chuck Beavers  
Marjorie Beavers  
Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Chauncey Burke  
Susan Burke  
Jason Burke  
Samuel Taylor  
Bill Burr  
Aaron & Sue Feik  
Jack & Merle Patterson  
Jim & Frances Reynolds  
Charley Bush  
Betsy Darrah  
Leon "Buzz" Buzitis  
Bill & Leslie Brickett  
Norma Cathey  
Bob & Pat Cathey  
Marjorie Christianson  
Paul Christianson  
& Angie Lausch  
Barb Cram  
Kim Sather

Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Paul & Linda Arms  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Burton Dyson  
Kathy Roseth  
Chris Graff  
Norma Jean Hanson  
Mal & Effie Higgins  
Linda Martin  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Tom & Gertrude Isaac  
Jerry & Berta Merrill  
John & Ruth Alice Keepers  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Richard Lamb  
Luke Larson  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Margaret Mack  
Steve & Marion Mack

George Matsuda  
Muriel Taylor  
Daisy Neves  
The Neves Family  
Bud Palmberg  
Anonymous  
Evergreen Covenant Church  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Bill Rieflin  
Kristen Fadok  
Mary Speltz  
Robert & Roberta Brown  
Veryl Toms  
Randall & Linda Toms  
Robert "Mugs" Tracy  
Eileen Anderson  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

## Tributes

Bob & Jane Ann Bradbury  
Patrick & Carol Jean Gaffney  
Deacon Frank DiGirolamo  
& Family  
Leslie Engelmeier  
Patricia & Eugene Styer  
Healthcare workers  
John & Celeste Clauson  
Jean & Sherwin Flewelling  
Carol Ridenhour  
Lee Mattson  
Ken & Carol Williams  
Aiko Nakagawa  
Jerolyn Yoshihara  
Victoria Palmen  
Harvey & Geri Nelson  
Vijya Patel  
Nancy Bennett  
Jim Reynolds' birthday  
Fred Thomas  
Chris Rose  
Nancy Pethick  
Trevor Zoppi  
Leah Krekek-Zoppi

## How?

### By Ann Sakaguchi, Deputy Director

Stay at Home. That's what the Governor has ordered. We all have to do this, for the sake of us all. **But how do you stay home if you don't have a home?**

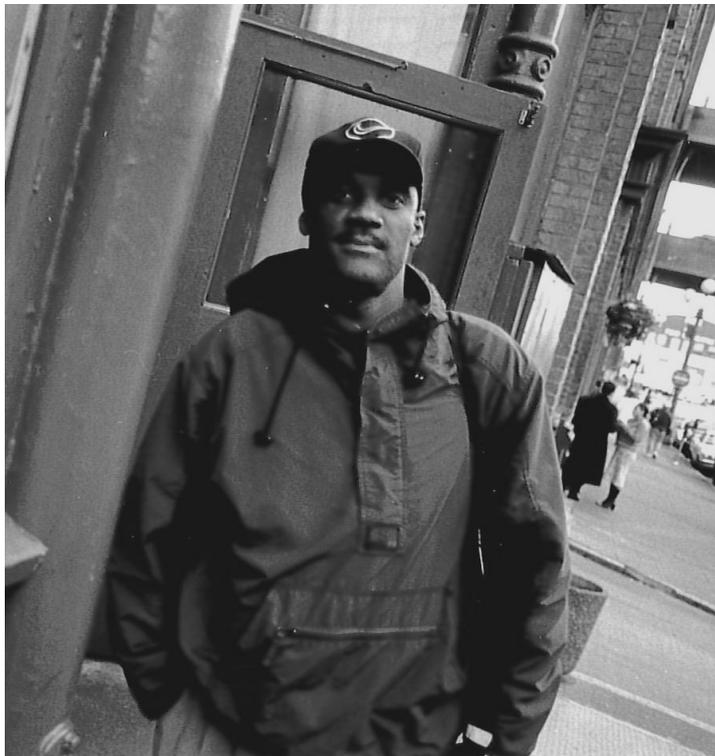
The people who come to seek help from Nightwatch do not have homes. They are experiencing homelessness. Where should they stay, to comply with the orders?

Nightwatch has helped many people find shelter for the night for many, many years, thanks to your support. Now, those places where we used to send our folks for the night will not allow them to sleep overnight. They are trying to keep people safe who are already inside. But what does Nightwatch do with people who are new in this predicament?

Bottom line: when someone needs a place to go at the end of the night, we have few options. As I write, we have no place to send "new" people who come to our doors. Things can change quickly, but right now, we have no options for them. At the end of the night, we are passing out blankets. **It's the hardest thing we have to do.**

We've experienced miracles at Nightwatch before. We need one now. We need you all who pray, to join us in praying for a solution. And we need you who support us financially, to not forget us. Please give generously; we are seeing expenses increase due to our response to this pandemic.

How? Our God is faithful, and we trust in Him. ●



## Shopping List

Please help by collecting these items for us to distribute to our homeless friends and tenants (travel sizes are preferred):

- Juice (single-sized cans, pouches, or boxes)
- Bottled water (8 oz. preferred)
- Protein bars
- Cereal bars
- Chewy granola bars
- Chips (single serving size)
- Fruit snacks
- Fruit cups
- Trail/nut mix (individual pack)
- Cheese-n-cracker snacks (individually wrapped)
- Beef jerky sticks
- Wrapped candy
- Cookies and pastries (individually bagged)
- Whole individual fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)
- Disinfectant wipes
- Bleach

For more information about these items please contact:  
[info@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:info@seattlenightwatch.org)

## Amazon Wish List:

Ship donations to our door!  
<https://amzn.to/2NwV2JG>

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