

# Nightwatch News

October, 2021

## Broken

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



I posted a question on Facebook. “What do you say to a naked lady?” Some people thought it was another bad joke. Unfortunately, it wasn’t.

The poor lady was walking around, not screaming or breaking windows, not assaulting anyone. She was simply wandering around without any clothes on. Not a stitch, in the middle of the afternoon.

Nightwatch manager Tonette saw her and gave her some clothes. She carried them around the corner and sat in the entryway to our office building. She moved when asked.

The 911 operator said there was nothing to be done, since she wasn’t creating a disturbance. It was so disheartening.

**“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to share your food with the hungry, to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe her, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”**

The Prophet Isaiah

True piety demands action. We can do something about Seattle. We will not turn away.

*Lord, there is so much brokenness in our world, causing harm to vulnerable people. Teach us how to respond with grace and generosity to the needs in front of us. ●*

## Sing a new song

By Ben Curtis,  
Street Minister

Music can be powerful. It affects us in many ways.

When we’re feeling down or tired after a long day, the right song on the radio perks us back up.

At a wedding, our favorite tune makes us get up and dance.

We sing ancient songs on Sunday mornings, and we feel hopeful.

We were in Pioneer Square one night recently. The Street Ministers were walking around, talking to folks as we usually do. We ran into a woman we knew named Sherry.

Sherry had been having a tough time, our last few encounters. This night however, she was in a better mood. We found out why. “Today is my birthday,” she proudly told us.

“How about we sing ‘Happy Birthday?’” we asked, half-kidding. She called our bluff. So, there we were, four Nightwatch Street Ministers, an odd barbershop quartet of sorts, singing ‘Happy Birthday’ to Sherry on the street corner. And we sounded quite decent, if I do say so myself. Sherry had tears welling up in her eyes.

Music is a powerful thing, especially when we experience it together. ●



# NIGHTWATCH

**Serving the night  
community in the  
name of Christ**

**Better Together**



**Lunch-In  
with Nightwatch**

**Wednesday,  
October 20  
Noon—1:00**

Get involved or register for  
our live streaming event:  
[seattlenightwatch.org/pbj](http://seattlenightwatch.org/pbj)

# SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

**Sock Drive-Up Drop-Off**

Sunday, November 14  
12:30—2:00 pm

302 14th Ave S, Seattle

More details:  
[seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it](http://seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it)

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Frank Brongil  
Ray & Jackie Marsh  
Charley Bush  
Betsy Darrah  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Kim Forman  
Jerry Shigaki  
Clark Frederick  
Lydia Balk  
Chris Graff  
Norma Jean Hanson  
Mal & Effie Higgins  
Linda Martin  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
George Keefe  
Elizabeth Hansen

Jean Kim  
Hope in Purple Fund  
Dean & Hattie Kimble  
Katherine Smith  
Bill Lee  
Cindy Ulrich  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Elmer Molzahn  
Sherianne Caldwell  
Daisy Neves  
The Neves Family  
Bud Palmberg  
Anonymous  
Chrisi & Michael Dotson  
Wendell & Marion Paust  
John & Rebecca Paust  
Andrew Pine  
Paul Pemberton  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Jim Reynolds  
Coleen & Jason Marta  
Jack & Merle Patterson

Iain Robertson  
Joan Burton  
Pete Schnebele  
Marilyn Iverson  
Dick Shipe  
Stephen Shipe  
& Marta Pasztor  
Clio Thomas  
Henry Jordan  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
June Tremain  
Virgil & Charlotte Huntsinger  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Cynthia & Jim Weaver  
Leo Werlech  
Ray & Jackie Marsh  
Ken & Kathy Weston  
Aaron & Sue Feik  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

## Tributes

The "Fishermen"  
Craig & Laura-Jean Enge  
Nahum Jacobson  
Goffe & Nancy Torgerson  
Julia & Wes Proudlove  
Michael Brooks  
George Rippee III - 50th birthday  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Denny Shaw  
Carol Sue Janes

## Nightwatch needs shelter!

- Room for 10 guys and a worker
- Access to bathrooms
- Available 9:00 pm to 7:00 am

### Let's talk about it!

Call Rick:

206-323-4359

## Doing our part

By Ann Sakaguchi,  
Deputy Director

We say this often: "We cannot do this work without you."

We're referring to all those volunteers, who give time in so many different ways. Each one has something else they could be doing besides serving a meal, or gleaning, or driving a van. We cannot do this work without volunteers.

And we think of our generous donors, who give financially in whatever way they can. Each one could probably use the money to buy themselves a new purse or dinner out. But we cannot do this work without you donors.

But we can not forget our hardworking staff, who give their hearts and health to our homeless friends, senior residents, and people living outdoors. Our employees could use those skills elsewhere, and probably earn a better living, but they are dedicated. We surely could not function without our staff.

We cannot do this work without you. Another way to say it is "We're better together." Kinda like the parts of the human body. It is written:

**"Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many."\***

Volunteers. Donors. Staff. All working together to make this a better city for homeless people, for impoverished seniors, for people living outside.

You make it better. We're better together.

Thank you for doing your part. ●

\*1Corinthians 12:14



## Shopping List

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

- Bottled water (16 oz.)
- Juice (single-sized)
- Protein bars
- Chewy granola bars
- Fruit snacks
- Trail/nut mix (individual pack)
- Wrapped candy
- Cookies and pastries (individually bagged)
- Whole individual fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Band aids

For more information or to schedule a drop-off, please contact:  
[info@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:info@seattlenightwatch.org)

## Amazon Wish List:

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

## Shelter Dispatch Center & Senior Apartments

302 14th Ave. S  
Seattle, WA 98144

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Seattle, WA 98111

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