

# Nightwatch News

March, 2022

## What's next?

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



I'm going back through 28 years of memories, as I look toward retirement in three months. I'm going to miss this place!!

I was working in our dispatch center about 1996. One of our many homeless friends was upset about his situation, and the fact there wasn't any shelter available.

**There's never been enough shelter in my 28 years, in case you were wondering.**

The angry guy took his walking cane and broke four or five Nightwatch windows, and walked away. The other homeless guys were

really shaken by the outburst, until someone stuck their head in the door and said in a loud voice: "Next time someone puts on a show, we gotta have popcorn!" Everyone had a good laugh, and the tension disappeared.

What was really weird, the next night a new volunteer showed up with a 30-gallon bag of movie-style commercial popcorn. We got the idea that Someone was watching out for us and for our folks on the street.

Please remember Nightwatch as we go through all these transitions. The work will go on. Younger, brighter, compassionate people will carry the work forward, thanks be to God. We will continue to rely on divine guidance and support, no matter what.

*Lord, we are grateful that you have opened the path of love, instead of fear. Continue to keep a close eye on the work you have entrusted to us. ●*

## Change and progress

By Tonette Winston,  
Shelter Dispatch Manager

Life is ever changing and our homeless friends. . . their needs change continually.

In response, Nightwatch is opening a new, small, church-based shelter. The reduced size will help with COVID-distancing, and minimize impacts to a neighborhood.

Are there problems? Sure, occasionally. But most of the guys staying at the church are like Stephen, who says with pride and gratitude, **"This is our home."** This young man has obstacles to overcome, but feels safe in a church, and wants to make the most of the opportunity. In this case, change means a homeless person will be able to experience progress in his life.

This opportunity to bring people inside can only happen because of your support. We then pay the staff, launder the bedding, buy gas for the van taking people to the church. Beside your generosity, there is a congregation letting us use a beautiful building to join us in loving our neighbors.

Thank you for making this work possible for all the Stephens of the world. ●



# NIGHTWATCH

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

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Chuck Beavers  
Marge Beavers  
Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Bob Brooks  
Caroline Bodenstab  
& Sharon Bieling  
Barbara Sedlak  
Charley Bush  
Ginny Larkins  
Patricia Dennis  
Robert & Roberta Brown  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Bethany Erickson  
Peggy McClintock  
Dick Erickson  
Peggy McClintock  
Keith & Kay Forbes  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Ruth Goins  
Elizabeth Hansen  
Chris Graff  
Norma Jean Hanson

Mal & Effie Higgins  
Mike & Linda Martin  
Donald Keepers  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Dean & Hattie Kimble  
Kathy Greiner  
Ron Kimble  
Carl & Heather Craven  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Margaret Mack  
Steve & Marion Mack  
Willa Modin  
Lola Davidson  
Elmer Molzahn  
Sherianne Caldwell  
Bud Palmberg  
Chrisi & Michael Dotson  
Caroline Pettit  
Joan Burton  
Linda Pochmerski  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Nikki Powers  
Judi Selset  
Jim Reynolds  
Judi Selset

Dick Shipe  
Jane Shipe  
Stephen Shipe  
& Marta Pasztor  
Greg & Mary Speltz  
Lynn Vollert  
Annie Stevenson Walker  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Clio Thomas  
Henry Jordan  
Howard Van Horn  
Maria & Greg Van Horn  
Susan Van Pelt  
Judi Selset  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Cynthia & Jim Weaver  
Gary White  
Lisa Connolley  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

## Tributes

Patricia Broulette  
Akane Yamaguchi  
Nathan Hautala  
Robert & Toni Hautala  
Jana Lauderbaugh  
Joy Lauderbaugh  
Man Lung Li  
Shutye Yung  
Denny Shaw  
Carol Sue Janes  
Signa Treat  
Bob Porter

## It's about love

**By Ann Sakaguchi, Deputy Director**

This is my last newsletter article in Nightwatch News. After 18 years, I'm retiring from Nightwatch in April.

So what's the most important thing I've learned, the one foundational, core take-away from my time here? It's easy. It's in our mission statement; Jesus' teaching to love our neighbors.

### It's all about love.

One Valentine's Day, years ago, the Dispatch Center was more chaotic and noisier than usual. It was loud that night. The volunteer meal group had brought cards, handmade by their youth group. As our guests came in the door, they were greeted by a young volunteer.

A tired, grumpy, downtrodden and heavy-laden homeless guest shuffled in.

Young Volunteer: "Here. This is for you."

Guest grunted: "What is it?"

Young Volunteer: "It's a card."

Guest, puzzled: "For me?"

The guest stopped in his tracks. He took the card, opened it and read. Somebody loves him.

Young Volunteer: "Happy Valentine's Day."

Guest, now with a smile: "Thank you."

Never think that an act of love will go unappreciated. Even the smallest act is powerful and can change a life.

Thank you for all your acts of love toward Nightwatch and to me during these past 18+ years. I appreciate all your prayers, financial support and love; it is what sustains the work and keeps us going.

I will not soon forget what God has done at Nightwatch through you and your love. It has been a privilege serving with you. ●



## 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.)
- Protein & chewy granola bars
- Cookies and pastries
- Apples, oranges, bananas
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Conditioner (travel size)
- Razors
- Lotion
- Deodorant

More info, or to schedule a drop-off: [info@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:info@seattlenightwatch.org)

## Amazon Wish List:

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

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