

Nightwatch News

February, 2024

More than a blanket

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



It was one of those recent, sub-freezing nights. Chilling just to walk from your car to your house.

Our team was hosting the hot meal, and handing out as many blankets as we could. We filled all our beds, and also helped folks get to the emergency cold weather shelters. Lots of effort around the city to help everyone escape the cold.

I had just concluded an evening of searching the city with a colleague, in a van filled with blankets. Looking for anyone in need.

As I was headed home, I saw him. In a nearby alley, curled up. No cover. Not interested in going to a shelter. He'd sleep here. The offer of

a blanket brightened his eyes. He hugged it, looked up and said, "I am so thankful for this." As we departed, he was still embracing it.

Perhaps that was more than just a blanket. **A reminder that someone cares.** That he is worth being found. Even if he's not ready to accept anything more than a blanket right now.

Blankets protect from cold temperatures. **Your donations make it possible for us to provide the warmth of relationship.** Offering food, shelter, housing and hope. ●

The Stranger

By Rev. Rick Reynolds,
Street Minister

Executive Director Emeritus

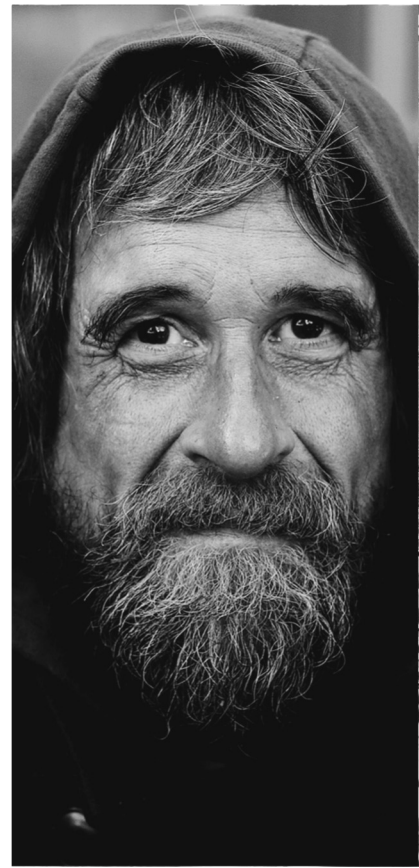
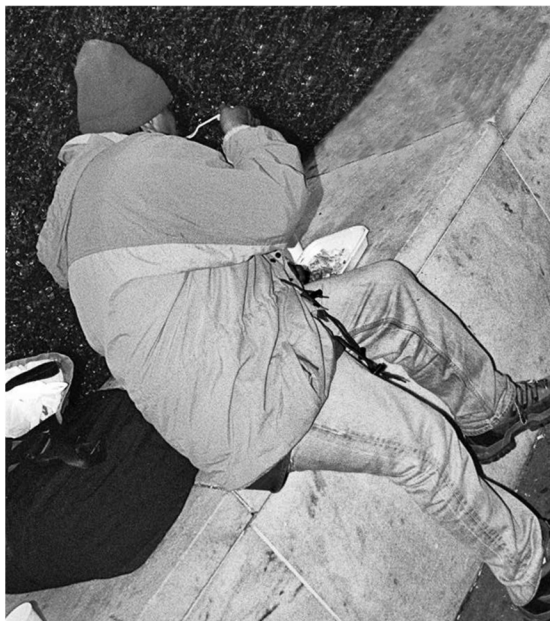
The Stranger sat on a stack of pallets in a corner of the parking garage where we serve a meal every Tuesday. He was animated, talking to himself. He soon began to rage, and became loud and threatening. Pastor Michael gave him a friendly warning, and the yelling went from boiling rage to mere lunacy.

The meal time proceeded. Still the Stranger sat, muttering and threatening, leaving most everyone with a knot in the stomach, and with one eye open on whatever was happening over there, in that corner.

Silly me. I got a plate of food and stood six feet behind the Stranger. **I blew on the hot meal so the aroma would waft in his direction in the cold night air.** I fanned my hands over the plate, and let the smell hit him like his grandma's kitchen.

Without a word, the Stranger got in line for some food, ate and came back for more. **Not cured, but comforted.**

I don't think angels talk to themselves, but you never know. ●



NIGHTWATCH

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

Volunteer Orientation

Our monthly volunteer orientation sessions will be coming back soon.

Stay tuned!



Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

David Aasen
Kay Franklin & Tom Mohle
Kay Abe
Steve & Chris Murphy
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Neil & Mary Braun
Cathy Braun
Monica Brown
Robert & Roberta Brown
Charley Bush
Nancy & Ed Emerson
Ginny Larkins
Jay & Gail Winberg
Kim Canda
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Kathy Clift
Dan Patterson
& Debby Walters
Mary Crevling
Catherine & John Heffron
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Thomas Donahue
June Donahue
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Ethel Hamilton
Bob Porter
Steven Hogan
June Donahue

Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Dean & Hattie Kimble
Kathy & Jared Greiner
Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
Richard Lamb
Luke Larson
Cheu Lee
Shukuan De Souza
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Harley & Mercedes Lolley
Marilyn & Vern Lolley
Davonne Loup
Carl Westphal
Jodi Mangold
Alicia Azurin
Mark McNeil
Robb Peterson
Elmer Molzahn
Sherianne Caldwell
Joanna Ngai
Anthony Chang
Bud Palmberg
Anonymous
Chrisi & Michael Dotson
Linda Senff
Robert & Nellie Porter
Bob Porter
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Larry Reilly
Diane & Roy Harrington
Frances Reynolds
Jim & Barb Johnson

Norm & Bonnie Riggins
Dave & Robin Roe
Leonard & Edith Root
Janet Root
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
LuElla Snow
Lisa & Jim Lady
John Snyppe
Dian Snyppe
Greg & Mary Speltz
Martha Cohen Roe
Susanna Stewart
Tom Stewart
& Bonnie Takasugi
Howard Van Horn
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Cindy Monsen
Bill Ward
Kirstin Ward
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Jim & Cynthia Weaver
Don Werlech
Monica Perillat-Piratoine
Leo Werlech
Ray & Jackie Marsh
Monica Perillat-Piratoine
Theresa Werlech
Gary White
Lisa Connolley
Eugene White
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

Dutch Brown
Bill Yeend
Jessica Elliott
Elizabeth Kristoferson
Becky & Mike Fann
George Lundin
Nathan Hautala
Toni & Robert Hautala
Ron Hobson
Christina Malagon
Bill Finley
Nicholas Finley
Man Lung Li
Eric Lam
Tara Nelson
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Donna Palmberg
Linda Senff
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Dwayne & Lorele Shearer
Steven Shearer
Social workers at Harborview
Medical Center
Anonymous
Olivia Springer
Larry & Cindy Springer
David Thompson
Lee Galloway
Paul Trujillo
Delia Trujillo
Eebs Uenjoiurself
James Yorkston
Klaus & Marcia Zech
Scott & Hilda Zimmerman

Community By Tonette Winston, Director of Housing & Shelter Services

Our Julia's Place Shelter at Madrona Grace continues to be a blessing for our community, thanks to the love and support of Pastor Reggie and his congregation. The shelter has become so much more than a space; it's a place where people feel known and welcomed.



The congregation hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for our guys, as well as a Christmas Eve breakfast accompanied by gifts, and an open offer to join-in at the services. Because they are seen and recognized as a part of the Madrona Grace community, the congregation, like so many of you, are inspired to support them. **Sock drives, supplemental meals, snacks and even pastoral support, are given and received with grace.**

Through relationships like these, stereotypes disappear and a foundation is created where clients can be ambassadors and dispel preconceived ideas. **A conversation is started, and people can begin to connect with one another in healing ways.**

Thank you for being a part of the Nightwatch community. ●

Shopping List

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

- Cookies and pastries
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- Men's new athletic socks
- Beanie hats & warm gloves
- Wash cloths & towels
- Twin sheet sets, new or clean
- Twin blankets, new or clean

For more information, or to schedule a donation drop-off: info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

Ship donations to our door!
<https://bit.ly/ONWlist>

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