

Nightwatch News

March, 2024

Please stay

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



It was an intense moment of clarity. A distinct voice that helped me appreciate the value of Nightwatch's presence in the community.

It's late evening and I'm walking around the neighborhood. Folks are gathered in a doorway using substances and tensions rise between two men. A fist is thrown. I decide to create a distraction and say "Hi."

Quickly, several people are standing in front of me. They notice my clerical garb, and decide I'm a friend. They want to talk. I uneasily mention something about having to get somewhere. Their reaction is swift, "Please stay! We need you out here." And soon after, folks are

sharing their favorite Scriptures. It's amazing how the mood has lifted.

Looking back, I realize that voice, "Please Stay! We need you out here...", is the essence of Nightwatch's ministries. It's the voice of the one who is suffering from hunger, loneliness, addiction, violence, rejection. We hear the invitation. We show up in Love, to interrupt the pain. To create a space in which we can be reminded that we're all loved. At least for a moment.

Dear supporters, thank you for all the ways you show up! I humbly echo this voice when I say with the same urgency, "Please stay! We need you out here." Your generosity allows us to meet folks where they are, and accompany them on their next step. ●

Shared humanity

By Rev. Michael Cox,
Director of Outreach Ministry

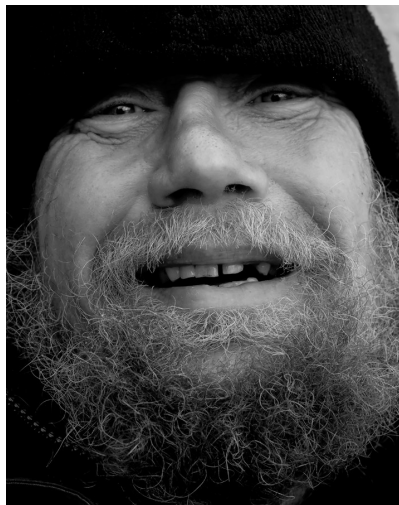
Last month, thirty-two people died who were unhoused. Three from hypothermia. As the temperatures dip into the teens and low twenties, staying warm on the street becomes a matter of life and death.

Our street ministry team passed out beanies, socks, gloves, and handwarmers. We heard stories of hospitality and community. The sharing of propane, firewood, tents, and RVs. My homeless friends were concerned that I was out in the cold without any gloves on. One man looked at me with both apprehension and appreciation. "Thank you for being out here with us in this."

I reconnected with "David," who had horrible frostbite on his toes last year. He didn't have any of his toes amputated and is able to walk. He introduced me to his friends as "the person that saved my feet."

Street ministry is about our shared humanity. Jesus demonstrated that every person has value; that we all deserve a life of hope and dignity. "The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him the complete gifts of undeserved grace and truth have come down to us." (John 1:14 CEV)

Your gifts warm the bodies and souls of our unhoused neighbors. Thank you. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ

Volunteer Orientation

Come on in, take a look around, and hear about all of our volunteer opportunities. We'd love to meet you and get you connected!

Friday, March 8
5:30 pm

302 14th Ave S, Seattle 98144

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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom	Tim Kern	Mary & Greg Speltz
Mary Branom	Stacy Kern	Maureen Little
Monica Brown	Dean & Hattie Kimble	Lyle Staley
Robert & Roberta Brown	Kathy & Jared Greiner	Shelley Staley
Charley Bush	Ron Kimble	Veryl Toms
Ginny Larkins	Carl & Heather Craven	Randall & Linda Toms
Craig Davis	Herbert Lehnert	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Bruce Davis	Bob Porter	Cindy Monsen
Robert Domzalski	Al & Maxine Lobb	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	John & Jody Fenlason	Carolyn Neitsch
Pat Domzalski	Elmer Molzahn	Carla Weiser
Tony Domzalski	Sherianne Caldwell	Maria & Greg Van Horn
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Bud Palmberg	Leo Werlech
Pat Domzalski	Chrisi & Michael Dotson	Ray & Jackie Marsh
Mark Forbes	Robert & Nellie Porter	Theresa Werlech
Bob & Tina Pringle	Bob Porter	Gary White
Vicki Garrett	Mike Potts	Lisa Connolley
Maria & Greg Van Horn	Catharine Fletcher	Eugene White
Chris Graff	Frances Reynolds	Mary Wooldridge
Norma Jean Hanson	Marge Beavers	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Steve Graves	Vern & Marilyn Lolley	
Harvey & Geri Nelson	Dick Shipe	
Barbara Johnson	Gary & Theresa Shipe	
Paul Eriks	Stephen Shipe	
	& Marta Pasztor	

Tributes

Patricia Broulette
Akane Yamaguchi
Nathan Hautala
Toni & Robert Hautala
Barry Lauderbaugh's birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh
Jana Lauderbaugh's birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh
Man Lung Li
Jessica Yeung
Margaret Roulet
Karen & Paul Sydnes
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes

Know your neighbors

By Marlene Poland, Housing Coordinator

After years of living on the streets, our Senior Housing program becomes home for people. **"Home" can mean many things; at Nightwatch we try to fill the lives of our seniors with support, community, meals, and laughter.**

Many of our residents have not had a regular place to call home in years. One of our current residents,

"Arnold", spent twenty years surviving on the streets before finding a place to lay his head at Nightwatch.

Our seniors cook together. Just last week they made Jambalaya. I also bring them together for special events, like the party we had on Super Bowl Sunday! We prepare three weekly meals as a community, and we eat together. All part of being home.

Recently, there was a small fire in our Senior Housing building. Thankfully, no one was hurt and the damage was minimal. We praise God that that He provided safety for the seniors. I am so proud of how our residents cared for one another and made sure everyone stayed safe. They all worked together, making sure their neighbors left the building.

Knowing your neighbors, defeating isolation, and coming together as a community; these make our Housing more than a just a place, it's home.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: `Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

If you are so inclined, please join me in praying for our seniors. I personally thank all of you. You make home possible. ●



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
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- Deodorant
- 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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