

Nightwatch News

June, 2024

No greater love

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



Next week, we are going to a memorial for our friend, “Christopher.” Chris was a long-time attendee at our weekly N. Seattle dinner. He often just wanted to talk and maybe get a hug. **I can still hear him as he would depart, pointing back, “Best hug ever!!”**

We almost didn’t meet. Years ago, when invited to go to this new part of town, we paused. It was going to require commitment. There was uncertainty whether we’d be welcomed. Would we be “successful” or would we “fail?”

We almost gave in to the fear. We would have missed out. Each week, Chris would give an update on his friends and his family. Oh, how he loved them. Even amid his many physical ailments, he always made time to be there for others.

Scripture reminds us, “*Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends.*” (John 15:13, NASB) It refers to Jesus’ sacrifice. **It also acknowledges how we participate in love, giving ourselves for others.** Thanks for how you loved, Chris.

It was his mom who stopped by to invite us to the memorial. On parting, she asked for a hug. Best hug ever. ●

Tiny houses

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Street Minister

One 4th of July, a group of my friends decided to spend the day building a tiny house for a homeless person. It was so gratifying to see what we were able to accomplish, and the guy who was living in it had some sense of safety and rootedness. Such a response to homelessness seemed outrageous to some people. “How could we subject homeless people to such primitive living conditions?” they asked.



While I was in Kentucky last week, **I pondered the hardship of a tiny house.** My thoughts were triggered by a visit to the Lincoln Birthplace memorial. A humble cabin was home to our 16th President. Now a grand pavilion houses the model log home, and visitors pour in daily to look and pay respects to the humble origins of a great man.

The Lincoln family bounced around from place to place, never knowing modern comforts. Yet greatness flourished.

Let us use all resources at our command to allow for human safety and security, and see what may come of it, with God’s help. ●



NIGHTWATCH

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

**Volunteer
Orientation
Friday, June 14
5:30 pm**

Come on in, take a look around, and hear about all of our volunteer opportunities.

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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Chuck Beavers
Marge Beavers
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Ginny Larkins
Grant Carroll
George & Carolyn Rippee
Mardi Carroll
George & Carolyn Rippee
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Keith & Kay Forbes
Linda & Mike Martin
John Gehrig
Catherine Hummel
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Gus Hartman
Robert & Roberta Brown
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan

Fred Kern
Bob Porter
Dean & Hattie Kimble
Kathy & Jared Greiner
Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
Howard Lee
Gloria & Don McCaffrey
Clarence & Dorothy Linscott
Diane McAlister
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Harley & Mercedes Lolley
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Craig MacGowan
Ron & Pat Cygan
Mark McNeil
Robb Petersen
Ann Melander
David Melander
Scott Melander
Linda Weber
Elmer Molzahn
Sherianne Caldwell
Bud Palmberg
Chrisi & Michael Dotson
Robert & Nellie Porter
Bob Porter

Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Dick Shipe
Sandy & Mike Birdsall
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Stephen Shipe
& Marta Pasztor
Jane Shipe
Christine Elson
Alhoma Spangler
June Burr
Mary & Greg Speltz
Martha Cohen Roe
Lynn Vollert
Jane Stockert
Patrick & Carol Jean Gaffney
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Carolyn Neitsch
Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Leo Werlech
Ray & Jackie Marsh
Theresa Werlech
Gary White
Lisa Connolley
Eugene White
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Real hope

By Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator

Sometimes we need to feel a sense of belonging. **To have a place that just feels comfortable and to be anchored in the familiar.** No obstacles, tests or unexpected judgments. This is what I hope our Senior Housing units can be for people leaving the streets and searching for a place to call home.

“Sally” had been waiting for months on our waitlist. She was surviving on the streets because she had

experienced domestic violence. Our potential residents usually come and visit our building before committing. During Sally’s visit she was withdrawn, shy and had trouble making eye contact with me. She was tired and weary. We talked for a while in my office about the particulars, and slowly, the edge lifted from her demeanor. I showed her two rooms. The first was on the third floor. The second, although smaller, was right next to my office. When I showed her the second space, she lit up and said that it looked just right. We had made the beginnings of a connection. And there was hope.

I have seen this hope become real in the lives of many of our residents. They have experienced many struggles. Yet, through belonging, safety, and stability, hope returns. This is the gift I want for all our residents, including Sally.

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

With your support, 24 seniors can live in their own, safe apartments. Thank you. ●



Tributes

Patricia Broulette
Akane Yamaguchi
James Cassan
Dick & Linda Nicholl
Man Lung Li
Jessica Yeung
Phil Lorente
Buffalo Mazzetti
Patti Martin’s birthday
Loy Lauderbaugh
Michael
Barbara Miller
Donna Palmberg
Anonymous
Mary Margaret Pruitt
Bob Porter
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes

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
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- Deodorant
- Men’s new athletic socks
- 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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