

Nightwatch News

October, 2024

Everyone belongs

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



On October 17, we will gather for "Lighting the Path," this year's fall fundraising event, a dinner to celebrate the work of Operation Nightwatch. Just like our everyday dinners, we want to be accessible to all, so there is no cost to attend, and absolutely everyone is welcome. It will be a beautiful cross-section of community.

Just three weeks ago, I met "David" at our evening meal. It was late and getting cold. He had an uncertain night ahead of him. He was excited to see me, and desperately wanted to talk and pray about what was most important in his life. Especially his concerns about loved ones. He was inspiring in his humility and desire for a new life.

David is now in our shelter. He is stabilizing and our case manager is helping him prepare for his next steps. Life changing. **We know this is possible because of your prayers and support.**

We gather at our annual dinner to share in David's desire to be reminded that we are not alone, to reflect on who and what are most important, and to be reminded that there is a love that lights the path for all of us.

You are invited to join us on October 17th, and every day. This year we will share some exciting updates and reflect on how Jesus' love to our neighbors remains the cornerstone of our work. Please consider registering and being part of our event. Details are included in this newsletter and on our website.

"So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." ●
(Matthew 22:9 NIV)

Presence of the Spirit

By Rev. Michael Cox,
Director of Outreach Ministry

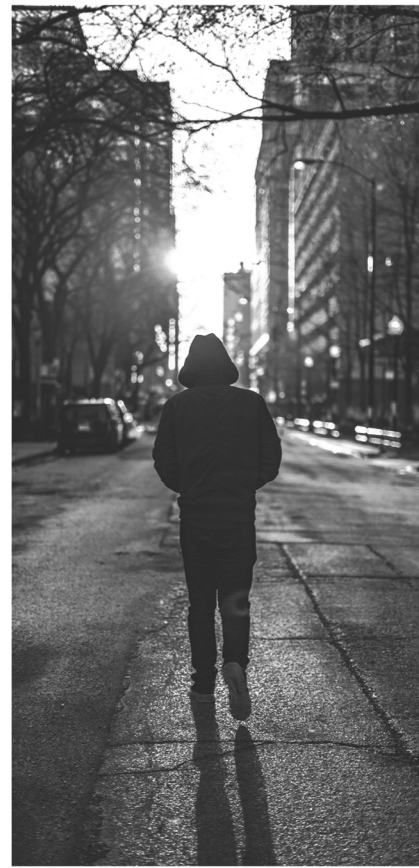
As a Street Minister, I get to meet people from all walks of life – and encounter them exactly as they are in the moment.

One evening, we met "Phil" sitting on the sidewalk listening to talk radio and drinking. He tells me that he has faith in Christ, that "faith is near impossible to explain to someone who doesn't have it." He then tells me that he is on the wait list for housing and how God changed his life. Fifteen years ago, he had a dream in which God told him where his life was headed. He woke up, and has always tried to live in a way that honors God. "I try not to do what I know I shouldn't be doing." **Phil is a reminder that our Lord is with us, wherever we are on our personal journey.**

Another evening, we walk through a park and meet a woman at the nearby bus stop. I recognize her but can't immediately remember her name. We tell her that we are from Operation Nightwatch and tears well up in her eyes. "I love that place. Every time I go there, I cry. **The presence of God is always there.**"

"Where can I go to escape from your spirit or from your sight? If I were to climb up to the highest heavens, you would be there. If I were to dig down to the world of the dead, you would also be there." (Psalm 139:7-8 CEV)

Please pray for everyone at Nightwatch; for the awareness of the presence of God in every moment. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Lighting the Path

Fundraising Dinner

Please join us!

Thursday, October 17

6:30-7:30 pm

Doors open at 5:30
for coffee & conversation

No charge to attend, but
RSVP is required by Oct. 3:
seattlenightwatch.org/lighting



Volunteer Orientation

**Friday, October 11
5:30 pm**

Come on in, take a look
around, and hear about all of
our volunteer opportunities.
Then stick around and serve
dinner with us!

302 14th Ave S, Seattle 98144

RSVP:
michelle@seattlenightwatch.org



Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom	Mal & Effie Higgins	Bud Palmberg
Mary Branom	Linda & Mike Martin	Anonymous
Monica Brown	Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Robert & Nellie Porter
Robert & Roberta Brown	Jim & Jan Sullivan	Bob Porter
Charley Bush	Tom & Gertrude Isaac	Mike Potts
Ginny Larkins	Jerry & Berta Merrill	Catharine Fletcher
Norm Chase	David Ishii	Jim & Frances Reynolds
Charles Knowlton	Coleen & Jason Marta	Marge Beavers
Robert Domzalski	Rick & Lorri Reynolds	Jeanne Wiganosky
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Dean & Hattie Kimble	Jack Saad
Pat Domzalski	Kathy & Jared Greiner	Galen Hubert
Tony Domzalski	Ron Kimble	Maurice Santi
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Carl & Heather Craven	Steve Santi
Pat Domzalski	Al & Maxine Lobb	Dick Shipe
Paul Ebert	John & Jody Fenlason	Gary & Theresa Shipe
Theresa Werlech	Horst Mader	Leo Werlech
Kenny Freece	Eva Mader	Ray & Jackie Marsh
Debbie & Gordon Chan	Mark McNeil	Gary White
Joyce Elaine Freese	Robb Petersen	Lisa Connolley
Brian & Margaret Freese	Elmer Molzahn	Eugene White
Chris Graff	Sherianne Caldwell	Mary Wooldridge
Norma Jean Hanson		Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

Joe Biden
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Stu Dent
Kevin Maloney
Nathan Hautala
Robert & Toni Hautala
Frank Lawler
Teri Lazzara
Leah Leicester
Jen Blackwood
Nancy & Mike Lucero
Joy Lauderbaugh
Kell Rabern
Sharyl Jackson
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Paul Trujillo
Delia Trujillo

Ownership

By Marlene Poland, Housing Coordinator

Recently, we've had some openings in our Senior Housing program. One of our new tenants, "James", comes to us by way of our Julia's Place men's shelter. He spent the past three years living there and felt ready to move into one of our dorm-style apartments when an opening came up.

James experienced homelessness for nearly twenty years, prior to finding Julia's Place.

He told one of our staff that he had been to nearly every shelter in the city.

During his time at Julia's Place shelter, he worked a regular job, and he continues to work there today. We are thankful that he is now part of our community. He's had a chance to meet neighbors in nearby units, and sleeps soundly at night. I've noticed it always takes new residents some time to get used to the rhythms of the building and feel secure.

He goes grocery shopping and even looks out for me, asking what spices I need to cook, before heading out to the store. He is very thoughtful, and I can see him learning to enjoy this newfound independence. **He now has ownership of his space.**

According to James, "Nightwatch is the best kept secret in Seattle." He says that he was broken but is now on the mend. It is so good to see him in a safe place, forming new friendships, and getting used to a new way of living.

He thanks us for these blessings, and I pass his thanks onto you. **We couldn't welcome new residents, like James, without your generosity and loving prayers** Thank you. ●

Sock It to Homelessness

Start collecting new, men's athletic socks for our annual sock drive!

Bring them to our open house on **Sunday, November 24, 12:30–2:00 pm.**

More details: www.seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it.



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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