Hidden glory
By Rev. Rick Reynolds

I looked around at my fellow pedestrians, impatiently waiting for the crossing signal to change.

“Hey, Rick, are you still at Nightwatch?” I looked at the slender guy next to me. His face was familiar. He introduced himself as Donnie, shaking my hand.

“You guys definitely helped me when I needed it,” Donnie said. “I’ve got a place now. I’m not homeless anymore.”

We crossed together, chatting, then he raced for the streetcar, while I walked on, with a smile on my face.

Sometimes, when things are discouraging, there’s a break in the clouds, and glory is revealed – obscured, maybe only a glimpse and a shadow. But that alone can keep us going through uncertain times.

The details of shelter, of staffing, of finances will all sort themselves out when the time is right. But for now, a radiant smile on the street corner will suffice, knowing there will be more good things in the days – and nights – ahead.

Lord, thank you for those calmer moments in the storm, when you reveal enough of your glory to keep us all going.

FOOD!
By Marlene Poland and Staff

There’s something about eating together that is very foundational.

We may be divided by race, ethnicity, culture, history, life-experiences, but we all need daily bread. And eating together makes for quite the bonding experience.

So we were wondering, “What’s the favorite meal in the Senior Housing Program?” Turns out they love “Marlene’s Famous Tater Tot Casserole.”

It’s a community effort. Residents contribute canned soup. Someone will find a deal on hamburger. And donors pay for the tater tots.

Wallace says, “It’s goo-ood!”

Gary agreed. “It’s like tater tot lasagna!”

Thanks to Marlene for caring for our seniors, and to the volunteers and donors who make everything at Nightwatch so great!
Memorials & Tributes

Memorials
Karen Allphin  
Brian & Pat Hogan  
Keith Anderton  
Gerald & Helen Hussey  
Rev. Bob Bradbury  
Jane Bradbury  
Bill Brannom  
Mary Brannom  
Don Curtis  
Ben & Flo Curtis  
Marie Davidson  
Lola Davidson  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Jack Forester  
Bud & Trudy Forbes  
Joshua Gooding  
Truida & Michael Gooding  
Pete Gudger  
Cheryl Gudger  
Hal Harmon  
Tom & Kathleen Cunningham  
Jon Inde  
Michael & Sue Gibb  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
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Donald Meeman  
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Mary Maslow  
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Arlyn Holden  
Mark McLaughlin  
Arnold Becker  
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Ben & Flo Curtis  
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Judy Hurley  
Arthur & Ruby Meyer  
Gladyss McMenus Rippee  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Faith Saunders  
Kelly Black  
Dick Shipe  
Jane Shipe

Tributes
Alan Beasley  
Andrew & Loveta Price  
Laura Derringer  
Dean Kimble  
Judy Hurley’s birthday  
Martin Hurley  
Rich Lang  
Donna & David Goodlett  
Anthony Neves  
& Mikayla Neves  
Daisy Neves  
Mike Potts  
Catherine Fletcher  
Craig Rennebohm  
Laura Robinson  
Jim & Frances Reynolds  
Luci & Sandy Latimer  
Frances Reynolds’ 90th birthday  
Linda Carlson  
Rick & Lorri Reynolds  
Becky & David Sather  
Greg & Mary Speltz  
Robert Petersen  
David Zucke  
Robert & Roberta Brown

Crisis still
By Ann Sakaguchi
Two months ago, in the July issue of this newsletter, I wrote about the crisis facing Nightwatch. I say again, we are not losing our building, which is home to our 24 seniors. We are not closing the Dispatch Center, where volunteers serve up a meal every night. Nightwatch Street Ministers will still go out to the streets and camps and bars. This all will continue.

Nightwatch is not in danger of shutting down, but, as I write, there is a crisis. We are losing our shelter space and the staff to operate it, effective September 1.

We must vacate the location which has been temporary shelter for 75 men. We’re working hard to find a solution; things are changing rapidly. But nothing is settled yet; nothing about shelter is certain right now.

Since the beginning, I have believed that our mighty God has a plan for our 75 men. I still do. He would not abandon our people. He would not abandon Nightwatch. Time and again, I have watched Him demonstrate His love for the people we serve. I don’t expect Him to change in this. It’s the uncertainty, not lack of faith, that keeps me up at night.

Two months ago, I asked for your support in prayer. We still need your prayers. But this month, I also ask you to consider additional financial support. It has become clear that a solution, a new shelter location with a new operator, will cost more than it has in the past.

Uncertainty. Our homeless friends live with it every day. I don’t remember any other time when uncertainty has affected me like this. This whole yucky process has deepened my understanding of the people we serve. My empathy has grown.

Please continue to pray. And give, as you are led. ●

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

- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shave cream
- Dental floss
- Lip Balm
- Hand sanitizers
- Multi-vitamins
- Cough drops
- Pain relievers
- Kleenex packs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bulk drink mix

For more information about these items please contact: liz@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:
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