

# Nightwatch News

Christmas, 2017

## Bah, humbug

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



*Christ climbed down  
from His bare Tree  
this year  
and ran away to where  
there were no rootless Christmas trees  
hung with candy canes and breakable stars.*

*(L. Ferlinghetti)*

I hate Christmas.

Putting up lights, cooking, cleaning the house, buying a tree, addressing cards. Ugh.

**There are people sleeping outside in our community because there is not enough shelter, and not enough**

**affordable housing. There's no room in the inn, and we converted the manger into an Airbnb bed.**

No, I don't hate Christmas. But every year I have this knot in my stomach, wondering if the homeless people at Nightwatch will be forgotten in the crush of special appeals, church programs, school concerts, and general chaos of the season. Will we be able to keep on going with food, shelter, housing, and hope despite the holiday madness?

Please remember Nightwatch as we launch into the new year.

***Lord, as we celebrate the birth of a homeless refugee, help us all to keep in mind those things that matter most to that baby in the manger. ●***

## Superheroes among us

By Liz Fenn, Dispatch Center Manager

In "The Justice League," six superheroes save the world. In an early scene, a homeless man sits among the debris of a ruined city. The camera pans around him, and we see his cardboard sign which reads, "I Tried."

The forces of evil gain power to take over the world. The superheroes come together, united in purpose, using their unique gifts to defeat evil and save the earth from destruction. I love feel-good movies!

The message on the man's sign, "I Tried," was really meant to convey that he had given up; there was no hope left. At times, that's how I see some of our clients - struggling against enormous odds just to survive; and some losing hope.

But there is hope. You and I can be superheroes, with God's help, and save our corner of the world. We don't have to wear masks or capes, or be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. We are superheroes when we acknowledge homeless people with a smile or friendly gesture as we pass on the streets. We are superheroes when we cook a meal, knit a hat, give someone a new pair of socks, or help Nightwatch pay for shelter.

Superheroes don't sit around with signs of resignation and despair. Our signs encourage hope, action, determination, and grit!

Thank you to all the superheroes who help Operation Nightwatch! We couldn't do this without you. ●



# NIGHTWATCH

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

### Year-end tax Stuff

Donations received by mail must show a 2017 postmark, to be credited for 2017 giving, according to the IRS.

You can donate online for 2017 until midnight, December 31, at [www.seattlenightwatch.org](http://www.seattlenightwatch.org).

Year-end giving reports will be mailed out in late January. Call our office if you have questions. Thank you.

### Done with paper newsletters?

We can email the monthly Nightwatch News to you!

Sign up at:

<http://eepurl.com/x5Epv>

Or email:

[coleen@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:coleen@seattlenightwatch.org)  
(include your first & last name)

### Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite  
volunteer job!

**Thursday, Jan 4, 2018**

**7:30–8:00 pm**

RSVP or questions:

[info@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:info@seattlenightwatch.org)

Find out more:

<http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx>

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

|                         |                         |
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| David Aasen             | Ron Kimble              |
| Ivaly & Scott Alexander | Heather & Carl Craven   |
| Ruby Anderson           | Dick Lamb               |
| Jan Anderson            | Roberta Adams           |
| Bill Branom             | Karen Johnson           |
| Mary Branom             | & Douglas Hildie        |
| Charley Bush            | Lynette Petrie          |
| Linda Bush              | Hiromi Tamura           |
| Lloyd Deister           | Al & Maxine Lobb        |
| Jim & Frances Reynolds  | John & Jody Fenlason    |
| Robert Domzalski        | Joyce Mansfield         |
| Paul & Linda Arms       | Marlyn Hoffman          |
| Mark & Lisa Domzalski   | George Matsuda          |
| Pat Domzalski           | Muriel Taylor           |
| Tony Domzalski          | Mark McLaughlin         |
| Mark & Lisa Domzalski   | Arnold Becker           |
| Pat Domzalski           | Pat & Lyle Riddell      |
| Keith & Kay Forbes      | Jodi Mangold            |
| Linda Martin            | Edith Root              |
| Pete Gudger             | Jim & Frances Reynolds  |
| Cheryl Gudger           | Paul Sakaguchi Sr.      |
| Mary Ellen Ingersoll    | Paul & Stacie Sakaguchi |
| Jim & Jan Sullivan      | Dick Shipe              |
| Jack & June Keepers     | Jane Shipe              |
| George & Carolyn Rippee | Stephen Shipe           |
| Cheryll Kelly           | & Marta Pasztor         |
| Clinton Kelly           |                         |

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| Bob Sill                |
| Betty Sill              |
| Louise Solemslie        |
| Allen Solemslie         |
| Mary Speltz             |
| Greg Speltz             |
| Anne Todd               |
| Kathleen Todd           |
| Scott Uomoto            |
| Grace Uomoto            |
| Steve & Chris Murphy    |
| Zollie & Sylvia Volchok |
| Tony Volchok            |
| & Cindy Monsen          |
| Glenn & Shirley Weed    |
| Andy & Ramona McBeth    |
| Jim & Cynthia Weaver    |
| Gilbert Weiss           |
| John Weiss              |
| & Corry Venema-Weiss    |
| Leonard Woodgate        |
| George & Carolyn Rippee |
| Mary Wooldridge         |
| Holly Boone             |

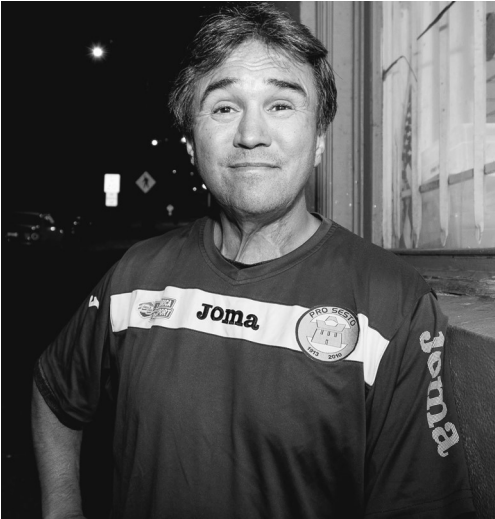
## Tributes

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| Jesus                  |
| Ila Hall               |
| Blaine Kym             |
| Daisy Neves            |
| Landis Lingren         |
| Lois Lingren           |
| Dr. Brian Louie & team |
| Tom Stewart            |
| & Bonnie Takasugi      |
| Anthony Neves          |
| Daisy Neves            |
| Nightwatch volunteers  |
| Kim Sather             |
| Tim & Rebecca Vader    |
| Bud & Donna Palmberg   |
| Mary Jo Kjell          |
| Victoria Palmen        |
| Harvey & Geri Nelson   |
| Mike Potts             |
| Catharine Fletcher     |
| Greg Speltz            |
| Robert & Roberta Brown |
| Maurice & Barbara Syme |
| Jim & Fern Smith       |
| Ulrich Family          |
| Cindy Ulrich           |

# Friends

## By Ann Sakaguchi

News!! We opened the new Nightwatch overnight shelter on Friday, November 10 for 40 men. It is located on the lower floor of the University Friends Meeting. Our new contractor (who provides the workers to run the shelter) is Catholic Community Services. We’ve named the new shelter “Friends,” to recognize our gracious landlords and new staff, all the friends who helped along the way, as well as the homeless men we are serving every night.



Our hosts are the community of Quakers, who worship upstairs at University Friends Meeting. We’re settling into our space and routines; there have been rough spots but we’re finding a way to make it all work.

At Nightwatch, most of 2017 has been consumed by the crisis to relocate this shelter. We’ve had to focus on the practical details of finding a space, getting workers lined up and making the space ready to be a shelter. All along, we knew that dollars were adding up: higher rent, increased staffing costs and start-up expenses.

At this shelter, for the first time, we don’t have to stack up our mats every morning. Right now, we have room for 40 men, sleeping on mats on the floor. We’ve ordered bunkbeds, so we can make the best use of our space; we’ll have room for 50. And this is an additional expense.

Remember when this all started? The shelter for 75 was closed and displaced. Friends Shelter will host 50 men. So what about the other 25, you wonder? We’re wondering too. In 2018, we may need to find a way to do more shelter.

In 2017, Friends Shelter came about because God provided and showed us the way. I have faith that He will continue to do so.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. With the increased expenses, we need you now, more than ever.

*Lord, thank you for friends and for being our friend. Amen. ●*

# 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](mailto:liz@seattlenightwatch.org)

# Amazon Wish List:


<http://tinyurl.com/zjo64fd>

**Shelter Dispatch Center & Senior Apartments**  
302 14th Ave. S  
Seattle, WA 98144

**Contact us:**  
PO Box 21181  
Seattle, WA 98111

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