

Nightwatch News

August, 2018

A Parable

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Once upon a time, there was an old street minister who had been delayed on his way to work one morning. His meeting with a sober friend ran late. The traffic did not clear in front of him. He looked across the street, and behold, the bus to the office awaiteth, but not for long.

The old street minister would not make it, for lo, he doth not run for buses. Ever.

But as he drew nigh, a poor fellow in a wheelchair waved to the driver, having seen the plight of the old street minister. And behold, the driver had mercy and waited because of

the kindness of the poor fellow who was missing a leg and hath not much in worldly possessions. "Verily," thought the old street minister, "the kindness of strangers is sweeter than honey." The end.

Nightwatch is needing to move forward with great haste to repair our building before the rains come. Can you do a kindness to strangers? Please help us raise the funds to keep Nightwatch out of the rain!

Lord, bless those who see a need and act on it. ●

Bumper sticker wisdom

By Liz Fenn,
Shelter Dispatch Manager

About a month ago, on a car in front of me, I saw a bumper sticker that read, "Do You Follow Jesus This Close?" Clever, I thought. The question made me laugh as I instinctively let off the gas pedal to give a little more distance between us. Was this a question about tailgating? Or was it a question asking me if I follow Jesus?

Since that day, I have often thought of this question, albeit after doing something I would deem "un-Christ-like." It's a great question. It makes me think about the work I do and how I live my life; a self-assessment of sorts. I consider how I judge myself and others, too. It makes me ask myself if I do enough to show others that I am a Christian, in the ways that matter most.

If you've noticed a little more distance between you and Jesus, come to Nightwatch to volunteer. Here, you will meet new people, feed those who are hungry, help them find shelter for the night, pray for someone, listen to their story, get and give a smile, and make someone laugh. I guarantee you'll be able to respond to that bumper sticker for yourself, and shorten the distance at the same time.

I love bumper stickers that make me think. Just the other day I saw one that read, "Never Grow Up, It's a Trap." Yep, I'll be thinking about that one too... ●

To volunteer, contact Tonette at tonette@seattlenightwatch.org.



NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ



Save a Life

Hero of the Homeless
Luncheon

Tuesday, October 23
12 noon—1 pm

Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion
or

Saturday, October 27
12 noon—1 pm

Epiphany Episcopal Church

More details and registration:
www.seattlenightwatch.org/hero

Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite
volunteer job!

Thursday, August 2, 2018
7:30—8:00 pm

RSVP or questions:
volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org

Find out more:
<http://tinyurl.com/ydaqfjsx>

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Kay Abe
Tim & Janet Jorve
Steve & Chris Murphy
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Ginny Larkins
Joe Curtis
Robert & Roberta Brown
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Bud Forbes
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Keith & Kay Forbes
Linda Martin
Trudy Forbes
Daisy Beach
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Clio & Kathleen Thomas

Henry Hoffman
Marlyn Hoffman
Jon Ihde
Susan & Michael Gibb
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Albert & Velma Miller
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Shinako Noritake
Steve & Chris Murphy
Joseph Orient
Heinz & Carol Roye
Ken Peterson
Jayne Ross-Matsuda
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Jane Shipe
Gordon Siddons
Sally Mackey
Lee & Gretchen Monteith
Virginia Siddons

Dan Silvestri
Clio & Kathleen Thomas
Mary Speltz
Greg Speltz
Anne Todd
Kathleen Todd
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Andy & Ramona McBeth
Jim & Cynthia Weaver
Gilbert Weiss
John Weiss
& Corry Venema-Weiss
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone

Tributes

John Eldredge's birthday
Pam & Clay Herbst
Judy Hurley
Martin Hurley
Anthony John Neves
Daisy Neves
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Jim & Frances Reynolds
Lucki & Sandy Latimer
Sono Sakaguchi
Bill Cox
Staff & volunteers
Jan Creason
Doris Rolander

My inspiration

By Ann Sakaguchi

We lost another saint last month. Kay Abe, a good friend of Nightwatch, went home to be with her Lord.

Kay's deep faith in Jesus Christ compelled her to serve hot, nutritious meals to hungry people in Seattle. She did this for decades, preparing food herself or leading others to do so. Under I-5 downtown, she served hundreds of people a night, four nights a week. Faithfully. Without fail.

Kay gathered food from donations and, in her gentle way, inspired others to help. By doing so, if health issues prevented her from serving, others stepped in. The ministry, The Lord's Table, continued.

Kay fiercely stood by her Christian values. When told she would not be allowed to pray at a certain site, she declined to serve meals there.

"Ann," you might ask, "why are you writing about this woman? What does she have to do with Nightwatch?"

Kay Abe was my introduction to homelessness, many, many years ago. I was one of the newbie volunteers who helped serve a meal downtown; I was hooked. She inspired me.

Kay's ministry was not unlike what we do at Nightwatch. She was a remarkable woman. There are hundreds of remarkable people that help us at Nightwatch. Maybe you are one of these, serving faithfully, and feeding hungry and homeless people with love.

Kay did not want any honor or recognition be directed to her. She did not have a public memorial service. This is my way of honoring and memorializing her.

Rest in sweet peace, Kay. ●



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:

<http://a.co/1UAEUZZ>

Amazon donates to Nightwatch when you shop through Amazon Smile!

Here's the link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0964027>

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