

Nightwatch News

May, 2019

Look for the helpers

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



I landed hard at the bottom of my stairs, shook it off, and silly me, went on with my Nightwatch night out.

By midnight, I could barely walk. Getting in and out of the car was slow and painful.

Why me? Why Holy Week?

The answer came to me: I'm not as essential to the work of Nightwatch as I think I am.

Through the night, I leaned on Pastor David and Bob, a homeless friend, who assisted mightily. At the shelter, I carefully collapsed into a chair and did nothing. Homeless guys encouraged me, and three sat down to console me. While I was doing nothing, Pastor David

and Bob served pizza and chatted with the residents.

The next day, Good Friday, I had to stay in bed, with ice packs and ibuprofen. Everything was sore, especially my knees.

We all like to think we are irreplaceable. But Nightwatch doesn't exist because of Rick. Nightwatch is a group effort, driven by God's power, funded by donors like you. We've got a job to do as a community, and it won't be one person who gets the work done.

Interested? Nightwatch will help you get connected.

Lord, send the people needed to do your work — showing love to neighbors. ●

Making it work

By Marlene Poland & staff
Housing Coordinator

Not to take anything away from my coworkers, but the real champions of Operation Nightwatch are the volunteers. They give up their most precious possession – time – in order to help vulnerable and broken people. Glamorous? Not a bit. Needed? Absolutely.

Take Sue, for instance. She works for a fine educational institution locally.

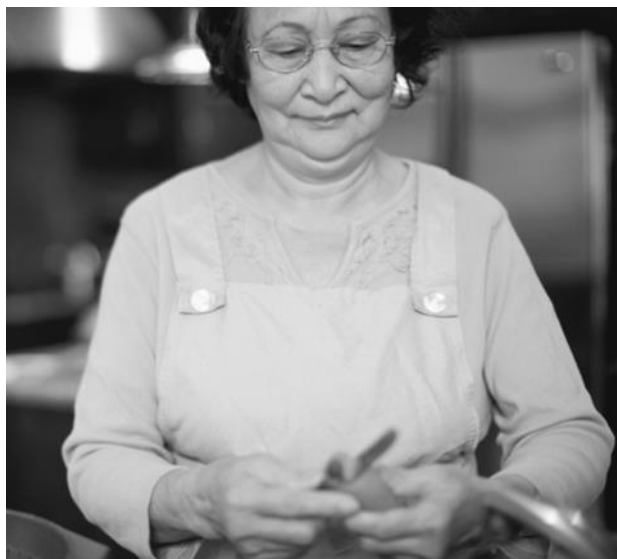
She has a family and kids. She and her husband run a small business. And she lives on the other side of town from Nightwatch.

Somehow, she makes the time to cook up a holiday meal several times a year for our senior tenants, and likes hanging out with them.

Volunteers don't just do the work, they make it work!

Volunteering can be inconvenient, messy, mundane, difficult. Nightwatch volunteers are the best! Nightwatch cannot function without you.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Tonette@seattlenightwatch.org. ●



NIGHTWATCH

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



GiveBIG is May 8!

You can support the work of Nightwatch by scheduling your gift today.

www.givebig2019.org/operation-nightwatch

Volunteer Open House

Find your favorite volunteer job!

**Thursday, May 2, 2019
7:30–8:00 pm**

RSVP or questions:
volunteer@seattlenightwatch.org

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

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

David Aasen
James & Judith Rowson
Bob Bradbury
Jane Bradbury
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Charley Bush
Gail & Jay Winberg
Chris
Norma Jean Hanson
Marge Christianson
Win Bainbridge
Daisy Beach
Dean & Susan Christianson
John & Toni Christianson
John & Jody Fenlason
Shirley Fullner
Brian & Pat Hogan
Myrtis & Roland Hurd
Rick & Lorri Reynolds
Clio & Kathleen Thomas
Diane & Stan Thomas
Elsie Mae Clark
Carole Babes

Joe Curtis
Robert & Roberta Brown
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Keith & Kay Forbes
George & Carolyn Rippee
Pete Gudger
Cheryl Gudger
Mal & Effie Higgins
Linda Martin
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Ronald Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Brian Keating
Pam & Clay Herbst
Clarence & Dorothy Linscott
Diane Linscott McAlister

Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Sonja Obradovich
Theresa Werlech
Howard Rippee
George & Carolyn Rippee
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Sandy Tonseth
Brian & Pat Hogan
Robert "Mugs" Tracy
Eileen Anderson
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch
George & Carolyn Rippee
Jim & Cynthia Weaver
Warren Wilkins
Jan Wilkins
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone

Our Father God – Adonai
Margo Atherton
Deanna Lamping
Lola Davidson
Victoria Palmen
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Don Ricks
Jayne Ross Matsuda
Greg & Mary Speltz
Robert Petersen
Misty Winter
Kearsley Wiswell
Wonderful staff
Yukio & Julianne Kumasaka

Tributes

Tulips

By Ann Sakaguchi

I started at Nightwatch in the summer of 2003. That fall, some Seattle Pacific University students planted tulip bulbs, on the edge of what was then our little parking lot. That was 16 years ago.

Over the years, the area where the bulbs were planted has undergone much change. Lumber was hauled in to create a vegetable garden. Yards of topsoil followed. Landscaping has taken place. A fence has gone up. With each change, I feared that the tulips were goners.

To my delight and surprise, those flowers have broken through once again and are waving proudly in the sunlight. Seeing their bright red color makes me smile and marks springtime for me.

The story of our tulip bulbs: They were planted in the ground with much hope. But over the years, they were covered over, trodden upon and neglected. Despite all this, they come up every year.

Tulips should not be treated this way. People shouldn't be either. **Our homeless friends have been beaten down, covered over and neglected, too.** Yet, like the tulips, they still break through the darkness and seek the light. They can be resilient and strong and persevere. It's our role, at Nightwatch, to walk alongside them.

Please help us. We can make good use of your time, your talents and your financial resources. ●



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:

Ship donations to our door!
<https://amzn.to/2NwV2JG>

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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