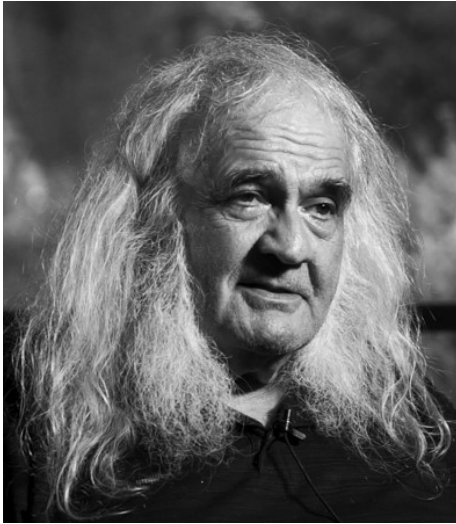


Nightwatch News

May, 2020

Just one old man

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Dennis was just one old man in a constellation of old men who circulate around Nightwatch.

During Holy Week, I found him on the floor of his apartment. The medics could not revive him.

Dennis drove a cab. He gave free rides and tried to continue making his living in the age of Uber and Lyft. He was usually broke.

Last Christmas, he drove all the way to West Seattle to pick up a guy at a nursing home. He brought Pat to the building for Christmas dinner. Watching him half-carry Pat up the stairs was a picture of compassion.

Did we make life any better for Dennis? He was homeless before moving in. At Nightwatch he had his own room, stability, food, and best of all, a community of friends.

That community is afraid and sad. Dennis was just another old man. He was a living, loving, breathing, caring human being. And we will miss him.

O Lord, grant eternal rest and may your perpetual light shine upon Dennis. Amen. ●

Dealing with change

By Tonette Winston,
Dispatch Center Manager

Because of COVID-19, the Dispatch Center has made several changes quickly, to keep everyone safe.

Change is difficult for all and the frustration often boils over as our homeless friends wait in line.

I was outside the other night explaining the new restrictions and what we have now implemented, and why. A couple of our guys said, "Tonette, now you understand our day-to-day existence. You aren't used to having anyone boss you around, like we are every day. You aren't used to having people turn away from you, like we experience every day. This whole thing is nothing new for us."

It's true. I'm personally struggling with separation, and my guys remind me every day that I am lucky because I will have the opportunity in the future to reclaim my freedom. This cannot last forever.

But homeless folks will continue as they always have, in their separated lives.

God help us to love them as best we can, even now. Thank you for making this work possible through your donations. **"Be Kind. Be Nightwatch."** ●



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



GiveBIG 2020!

**Tuesday & Wednesday,
May 5-6**

Help our neighbors
who are most in need.
**Early giving has started!
Give now!**

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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

- Tom Barker

Lola Davidson

Chuck Beavers

Marjorie Beavers

Bill Branom

Mary Branom

Chauncey Burke

Susan Burke

Jason Burke

Samuel Taylor

Bill Burr

Aaron & Sue Feik

Jack & Merle Patterson

Jim & Frances Reynolds

Charley Bush

Betsy Darrah

Leon “Buzz” Buzitis

Bill & Leslie Brickett

Norma Cathey

Bob & Pat Cathey

Marjorie Christianson

Paul Christianson

& Angie Lausch

Barb Cram

Kim Sather
- Robert Domzalski

Mark & Lisa Domzalski

Tony Domzalski

Paul & Linda Arms

Mark & Lisa Domzalski

Pat Domzalski

Burton Dyson

Kathy Roseth

Chris Graff

Norma Jean Hanson

Mal & Effie Higgins

Linda Martin

Mary Ellen Ingersoll

Jim & Jan Sullivan

Tom & Gertrude Isaac

Jerry & Berta Merrill

John & Ruth Alice Keepers

George & Carolyn Rippee

Richard Lamb

Luke Larson

Al & Maxine Lobb

John & Jody Fenlason

Margaret Mack

Steve & Marion Mack

- George Matsuda

Muriel Taylor

Daisy Neves

The Neves Family

Bud Palmberg

Anonymous

Evergreen Covenant Church

Mike Potts

Catharine Fletcher

Bill Rieflin

Kristen Fadok

Mary Speltz

Robert & Roberta Brown

Veryl Toms

Randall & Linda Toms

Robert “Mugs” Tracy

Eileen Anderson

Zollie & Sylvia Volchok

Tony Volchok

& Cindy Monsen

Glenn & Shirley Weed

Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch

Mary Wooldridge

Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

- Bob & Jane Ann Bradbury

Patrick & Carol Jean Gaffney

Deacon Frank DiGirolamo

& Family

Leslie Engelmeier

Patricia & Eugene Styer

Healthcare workers

John & Celeste Clauson

Jean & Sherwin Flewelling

Carol Ridenhour

Lee Mattson

Ken & Carol Williams

Aiko Nakagawa

Jerolyn Yoshihara

Victoria Palmen

Harvey & Geri Nelson

Vijya Patel

Nancy Bennett

Jim Reynolds’ birthday

Fred Thomas

Chris Rose

Nancy Pethick

Trever Zoppi

Leah Krekek-Zoppi

How? By Ann Sakaguchi, Deputy Director

Stay at Home. That’s what the Governor has ordered. We all have to do this, for the sake of us all. **But how do you stay home if you don’t have a home?**

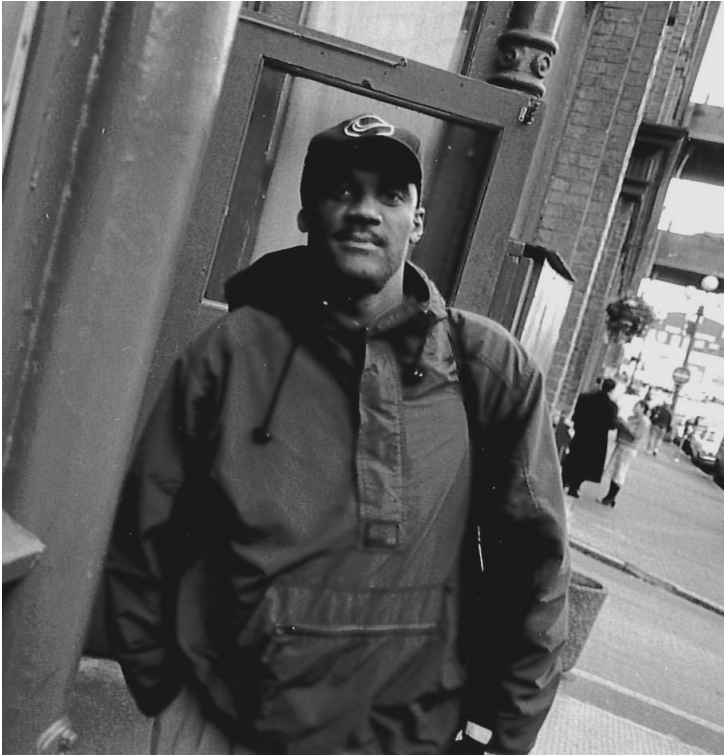
The people who come to seek help from Nightwatch do not have homes. They are experiencing homelessness. Where should they stay, to comply with the orders?

Nightwatch has helped many people find shelter for the night for many, many years, thanks to your support. Now, those places where we used to send our folks for the night will not allow them to sleep overnight. They are trying to keep people safe who are already inside. But what does Nightwatch do with people who are new in this predicament?

Bottom line: when someone needs a place to go at the end of the night, we have few options. As I write, we have no place to send “new” people who come to our doors. Things can change quickly, but right now, we have no options for them. At the end of the night, we are passing out blankets. **It’s the hardest thing we have to do.**

We’ve experienced miracles at Nightwatch before. We need one now. We need you all who pray, to join us in praying for a solution. And we need you who support us financially, to not forget us. Please give generously; we are seeing expenses increase due to our response to this pandemic.

How? Our God is faithful, and we trust in Him. ●



Shopping List

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

- Juice (single-sized cans, pouches, or boxes)
- Bottled water (8 oz. preferred)
- Protein bars
- Cereal bars
- Chewy granola bars
- Chips (single serving size)
- Fruit snacks
- Fruit cups
- Trail/nut mix (individual pack)
- Cheese-n-cracker snacks (individually wrapped)
- Beef jerky sticks
- Wrapped candy
- Cookies and pastries (individually bagged)
- Whole individual fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)
- Disinfectant wipes
- Bleach

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


Amazon Wish List:

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

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