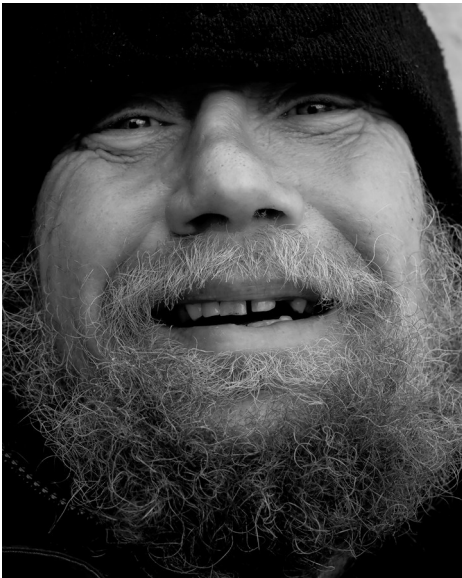


# Nightwatch News

September, 2021

## Another compassionate one

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



I have a friend, “John,” who lives in an RV. He moved it recently to get away from the sweeps and craziness of downtown. Now he’s in the shade along a lovely lake, surrounded by other homeless campers. There are nice neighbors, and not so nice neighbors, like most everywhere.

The thing that gets me just about every time I see him – whatever he has, he will share with the “less fortunate.” It’s not just food and water. It’s advice. A place to crash for the night. Places to get help that he knows about.

During the most recent heat wave I showed up with bottled water for John. “I won’t be needing that any more, I’ve been given food stamps.” OK.

I get it. We all want to be able to take care of ourselves.

“I’m going to keep bringing you water, my friend. Try and stop me. Because I know you share it with everyone around here.”

“You’re just as stubborn as me,” he said smiling. Sometimes love has to be stubborn.

*Lord thank you for the compassion of those who share what little they have. ●*

## James the Fisherman

By Marlene Poland,  
Housing Coordinator, and staff

One of our senior residents loves to fish. He started fishing when we discovered the state of Washington sells a “group fishing license.” We could take a van of senior tenants to local fishing spots, and together we would fish off the shore or a dock. More than once, James was the only person to catch anything.

Because of COVID, James has to go by himself now. He packs up his rod and reel and tackle box, a camping chair, his boombox, and takes the Metro bus to Green Lake. You have to love fishing to go to all that trouble.

Last time he went, he came back with five fish – some perch and some bass. He loves throwing himself a fish fry.

I just thought that in the middle of a bunch of difficult news— smoky air, too hot, COVID surges, that you might like to know that some happy things are still happening. James is still fishing.

Your support helps underwrite the rent for all 24 of our senior units, so low-income seniors don’t have to live in a tent outside. And someday we’ll be able to all go fishing together again. Thank you for making this work possible. ●



# NIGHTWATCH

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

*Save the Date*



**Lunch In  
with Nightwatch**

**Wednesday,  
October 20  
at noon**

This is an online event—  
more details to come!  
[seattlenightwatch.org/pbj](http://seattlenightwatch.org/pbj)

### Nightwatch needs shelter!

- Room for 10 guys and a worker
- Access to bathrooms
- Available 9:00 pm to 7:00 am

**Let’s talk about it!**

Call Rick:  
206-323-4359

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Edith Aburano

Steve & Chris Murphy

Bill Branom

Mary Branom

Charley Bush

Paul Rollins

Dorothy Clement

Norm & Melinda Lobb

Craig Davis

Bruce Davis

Robert Domzalski

Mark & Lisa Domzalski

Pat Domzalski

Tony Domzalski

Mark & Lisa Domzalski

Pat Domzalski

Leslie & Susan Dozsa

Les Dozsa

Dick Erickson

Peggy McClintock

Chris Graff

Norma Jean Hanson

Emilie Graham

John & Karen Thielke

Sharon Green

Ron & Pat Cygan

Jay Huff

Liz Powell

Mary Ellen Ingersoll

Jim & Jan Sullivan

Jean Kim

Christine Frizzell

Robert Nicholson

Dean & Hattie Kimble

Katherine Smith

Yukio Kumasaka

Eric & Gena Kasahara

Al & Maxine Lobb

John & Jody Fenlason

Norm & Melinda Lobb

Ann Moline

Ken & Carol Williams

Elmer Molzahn

Sherianne Caldwell

MuShu

Samuel Taylor

Daisy Neves

The Neves Family

Bud Palmberg

Chrisi & Michael Dotson

Cynthia Pemberton

Paul Pemberton

Mike Potts

Catharine Fletcher

Jim Reynolds

Frank & Ardyce Cranston

Charlotte & Virgil Huntsinger

Coleen & Jason Marta

Della Rockhill

Pete Schnebele

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Dick Shipe

Jane Shipe

Greg & Mary Speltz

Jack & Sheila Giesler

Clio Thomas

Norm & Melinda Lobb

Jim & Jan Sullivan

Zollie & Sylvia Volchok

Tony Volchok

& Cindy Monsen

Austin Warriner

Norm & Melinda Lobb

Glenn & Shirley Weed

Cynthia & Jim Weaver

Gary White

Eugene White

Mary Wooldridge

Holly Boone & Pat Braus

## Tributes

All who volunteer

Diane Linscott McAlister

Patricia Broulette

Akane Yamaguchi

Rod & Kathy Brown

Peggy Roulet

Greg & Lucia Delamarter

Kathy & James Higbee

Firefighters handling the forest fires

George & Carolyn Rippee

Trudy James

Bob Porter

Dave Kiehle

Harvey & Geri Nelson

Man Lung Li

Shutyee Yeung

Phillip Lorente

Buffalo Mazzetti

Denny Shaw

Carol Sue Janes

## Sissy?

By Ann Sakaguchi,  
Deputy Director

It’s been said: “Growing old is not for sissies” or something similar.

We’re all growing old. I took a fall a while ago, and my old body broke. Could not walk well, could not drive and was one-handed. Ordinary everyday things took a long time to do and some, I could not do at all. I felt like a sissy, pretty helpless and pathetic.

I was well-cared for by a supportive community which surrounded me with love. People did my chores and gave me rides and brought me food. I am deeply grateful. If I had been alone, I don’t know how I would have survived.

But I have a home and many people who care about me.

Living homeless is not for sissies either. Imagine how this might have been, if I didn’t have a place to stay and no one cared. This is how it is for the people Nightwatch serves.

For the seniors living in our apartments, Nightwatch provides a place to stay and sense of community. Our Dispatch Center guests receive meals and survival supplies and some are sheltered overnight. Likewise, the people outside receive food, water, socks, and sometimes a prayer from the street ministers.

The people we serve are not sissies. They are tough and resilient and we help them, thanks to your caring support. It’s your donations, both financial and physical, that keep them going. And your prayers help too!

Thanks for caring and supporting the work at Nightwatch. None of us are sissies. ●



## Shopping List

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

- Bottled water (16 oz.)
- Juice (single-sized)
- Protein bars
- Chewy granola bars
- Fruit snacks
- Trail/nut mix (individual pack)
- Wrapped candy
- Cookies and pastries (individually bagged)
- Whole individual fruit (apples, oranges, bananas)
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Band aids

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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