



Christmas, 2021

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Dear Nightwatch friends,

Believe me, I am NOT dreaming of a white Christmas.

Don't get me wrong. I'm as sentimental as anyone about snow at Christmas. But after 28 winter seasons at Operation Nightwatch, I'm not wild about snow. Homeless people freeze to death. People I know.

I'm dreaming of a warm Christmas. I'm dreaming of a Christmas where there's room for all our homeless friends, inside.

What do you think the Birthday Boy wants, after all?

He already laid down some heavy hints:

"I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me in."

These are the things Jesus likes.

Many years ago, a Dad, Mom, and four school-age kids were having a tough time. Their "home" had been a van, which broke down near Nightwatch. We helped them get into temporary housing. One of my tasks for Christmas week was going to be shopping for toys. Then the snow hit. I was wringing my hands.

Now that yucky snow had messed things up. Until the phone rang.

"Rick, Toys For Tots couldn't pick up at the Metro office. Can you use them?" I jumped in my Subaru and slid down Jackson Street. Out rolled a pallet of new toys, enough for a needy family and a local YWCA.

This year, that glorious abundance is needed again, but for basic needs. Food for hungry people. Shelter for homeless strangers. Care for low-income seniors. Critical care for people still on the street because there is no room in the inn.

Can we count on you this year? The help is so desperately needed.

Please let us hear from you today so that we can go forward into the new year with confidence.

God grant peace.

Sincerely,

Rev. Rick Reynolds Executive Director

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Your 2021 donations must be received online by midnight, or postmarked, by December 31, 2021. Nightwatch can also receive retirement distributions or stock transfers. Contact us at 206-323-4359 for more information.

Our usual newsletter will continue next month.

Memorials

All those in need Paul Green Daisy Jean Beach **Carol Bragg** Dean & Susan Christianson Bill Branom Mary Branom Chauncey Burke Susan Burke Paul Chilcote

Kathy Rossi Marge Christianson Paul Christianson & Angie Lausch Ann Copenhaver

Jack & Sheila Giesler **Craig Davis Bruce Davis** Robert Domzalski Mark & Lisa Domzalski Pat Domzalski

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Tony Domzalski

Norma Jean Hanson

Peggy McClintock

Chris Graff

Roger Harris Sr. **Marge Beavers** Mary Ellen Ingersoll Jim & Jan Sullivan Dean & Hattie Kimble

Kathy Greiner Ron Kimble

Carl & Heather Craven

Konnie Landis Bill Sutherland Vic Lattin

Bob Porter Al & Maxine Lobb John & Jody Fenlason

Ahma Mao **Anthony Chang** Ron Marshall Dale & Teri Korsmo

Don Mayo

Chriselda & Christopher

Calderon

Robert & Velma McDonald Mel & Cherie McDonald Albert & Velma Miller

Vern & Marilyn Lolley Elmer Molzahn

Sherianne Caldwell **Doris & Merritt Morey** Carol Bragg **Daisy Neves**

The Neves Family

Bud Palmberg Anonymous

Chrisi & Michael Dotson

Mike Potts

Catharine Fletcher

Jim Reynolds Margaret Dawn Fred & Kathleen Schwarzhans Carol Bragg

Dick Shipe Christine Elson Stephen Shipe & Marta Pasztor

Clio Thomas Henry Jordan Jim & Jan Sullivan

Veryl Toms

Randall & Linda Toms Zollie & Sylvia Volchok Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen Glenn & Shirley Weed Cynthia & Jim Weaver

Leo Werlech

Theresa Werlech

Gary White Lisa Connolley **Eugene White** Mary Wooldridge

Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

All who help the homeless Jackie & Clark Hoyt M.J. Kiser Rick & Barb Friedhoff Landis Lingren Lois Lingren

John & Rose Sebastian Harvey & Geri Nelson **Denny Shaw Carol Sue Janes** Leo Yue **Anonymous**

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year