

# Nightwatch News

February, 2022

## Rescue

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Executive Director



This morning I locked myself out of the car like an idiot. A phone call later I was rescued. Thank you, Wifey!

Who hasn't needed to be rescued at times?

I was walking down Third Avenue one warm evening, nearly 28 years ago. An attractive woman hollered at me from across the street. She rearranged her clothes and jaywalked through traffic, just to talk with me. "You might think this is sort of strange, but could you pray for me?" she said, shifting a beer and grabbing

my hand. "It's not strange at all," I said, and asked for her name.

Right on the sidewalk, holding Lisa's rough hand, I asked God to grant wisdom and strength. She did not let go. Her hard hand clung to mine like a swimmer, out of their depth, holding onto a lifeline.

I have no illusions that things suddenly got easy for Lisa. But in that brief moment there was something solid and real, a human bond and a shared need. Because we all need rescuing. We are in this world together, to show kindness and mercy and to cling to the Really Real. And those who come behind us will learn to hang on as well. ●

*Lord, you have been with this organization for more than 50 years. We are confident in your power to sustain even now.*

## Raining tears

By Rev. Michael Cox,  
Street Minister

Casey is smoking crystal meth when we approach him.

He is deeply moved that Operation Nightwatch is out on such a rainy night to talk with him.



"Thank the church ladies for the sandwiches," he tells us.

And he begins to cry. He is worried about a grandfather dying from cancer. Casey wants to go visit him, but he's ashamed — of his drug use, and criminal history.

We hold hands, praying. He grips my hand tightly as the tears fall. He is holding on for dear life. We hug and cry some more. We talk about how the Spirit intercedes and speaks things that are beyond words. How tears communicate the deep things of the soul. Casey shares his favorite Bible verse. "For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate (Romans 7:15)."

The soaking rain is falling around us. And Casey's tears continue to fall. In the eyes of God, we are much more than our failures. Pray for all those seeking wholeness. ●

(Ed. Note: these two articles were written without consulting each other. Lots of hand-holding in these stories!)

Please give today!  
Food. Shelter. Housing. Hope.



# NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night  
community in the  
name of Christ

### 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

David Aasen  
Kay Franklin & Tom Mohle  
Arthur & Kay Abe  
Mike Abe  
Sue Wanwig  
Dorothy Balch  
Candi Tepke  
Daisy Beach  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Chuck Beavers  
Della Rockhill  
Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Neil & Mary Braun  
Cathy Braun  
Dick Brenneman  
Ruth Brenneman  
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Brickett  
Bill & Leslie Brickett  
Bob Brooks  
Julia Hochner  
Charley Bush  
Ginny Larkins  
Marge Christianson  
Paul Christianson  
& Angie Lausch  
Dorothy Clement  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Robert Crane  
Jeanne Crane  
Craig Davis  
Bruce Davis  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Bethany Erickson  
Peggy McClintock  
Dick Erickson  
Peggy McClintock  
Bud & Trudy Forbes  
Chari & Bill Apperson  
Virginia Fordice  
Kris & Bob Fordice  
Kim Forman  
Judy Hurley  
Jerry Shigaki  
Kevin Gallagher  
Brian Gallagher & Eliza Jang  
Chris Graff  
Norma Jean Hanson  
Donald Gwilym  
Karen Gwilym  
Mal & Effie Higgins  
Linda Martin

Jay Huff  
Liz Powell  
John Ihde  
Sue & Michael Gibb  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Donald Keepers  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Dean & Hattie Kimble  
Kathy Greiner  
Ron Kimble  
Carl & Heather Craven  
Richard Lamb  
Luke Larson  
Ronald Latimer  
Lucki & Sandy Latimer  
Virginia & Dale Lauderbaugh  
Joy Lauderbaugh  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Harley & Mercedes Lolley  
Vern & Marilyn Lolley  
Ted Lomax  
Gloria Lomax  
Ron Marshall  
Will & Jasper Forrester  
Don Mayo  
Chriselda & Christopher Calderon  
Irene McCoy  
Ellen Johanson  
Dick McElroy  
Bob Porter  
Mark McLaughlin  
Arnold Becker  
Elmer Molzahn  
Sherianne Caldwell  
My mother and father  
Shukuan De Souza  
Bonnie Moya  
Zola Mumford  
Glen Nakata  
Chris & Steve Murphy  
Alice Nelson  
Zola Mumford  
Dennis Ortblad  
Elizabeth Hansen  
Bud Palmberg  
Chrisi & Michael Dotson  
Judy & Jim Jansen  
Cynthia & Eldon Pemberton  
Paul Pemberton  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Nikki Powers  
Judi Selset

Shirley Pulis  
Ken & Carol Williams  
Jim Reynolds  
Judi Selset  
Dan & Susan Staple  
Norm & Bonnie Riggins  
Dave & Robin Roe  
Nicolette Riley  
Zola Mumford  
Edith Root  
Leonard Root  
Janet Root  
Mari Scott  
Ashley Durkin  
Morris Shapiro  
Sheryl Shapiro  
Dick Shipe  
Steven Shipe & Marta Pasztor  
LuElla Snow  
Lisa Snow Lady & Jim Lady  
Irene & Lawrence Songer  
Kenna & Eric Hart  
Mary & Greg Speltz  
Barbara Anderson  
& John Preston  
Robert & Roberta Brown  
Robb Petersen  
Martha Cohen Roe  
Tim Staley  
Carolyn Kunihiro  
Lisa Marie Styer  
Pat & Gene Styer  
Bruce Sutherland  
Bill Sutherland  
Clio Thomas  
Chari & Bill Apperson  
Henry Jordan  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Kathleen Thomas  
Susan Van Pelt  
Judi Selset  
Howard Van Horn  
Maria & Greg Van Horn  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok & Cindy Monsen  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch  
Cynthia & Jim Weaver  
Leo Werlech  
Theresa Werlech  
Gary White  
Lisa Connolley  
Eugene White  
Anna Williams  
Ken & Carol Williams  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

## Tributes

Rod & Cathy Brown  
Peggy Roulet  
The Bustard Family  
Jeanie Bustard  
Linda Chowdry  
James Chowdry  
Karey Geis  
Chris & Steve Murphy  
Eugene Hall  
Nancy Anderson  
Sterlingo Heart  
James Yorkston  
Ron Hobson  
Christina Malagon  
Landis Lingren  
Lois Lingren  
Philip Lorente  
Buffalo Mazzetti  
Arthur Love  
Paradise Missionary Baptist Church  
Scott Moore  
Dennis Ritter  
Judy Quick  
Jennifer Quick  
Leonard Root  
Jim Kusak & Michelle Heiser  
Janet Root  
Peg Roulet  
Karen & Paul Sydnes  
Madeline Sayed  
Fiona Gallahue  
Rose Sebastian  
Harvey & Geri Nelson  
The seniors at Nightwatch  
Arthur Lee  
Social Outreach Team at Epiphany Parish  
Ann Beck  
Denny Shaw  
Carol Sue Janes  
Barbara & Maurice Syme  
Jim & Fern Smith  
Jason Weczorek  
Kelsie Wood  
Wellsbeing  
Cav Caviness  
David & Karen Wilkinson  
Shirley Wilkinson  
Klaus & Marcia Zech  
Michele & Fred Paulsell  
Scott & Hilda Zimmerman

## Behind the scenes

### By Ann Sakaguchi, Deputy Director

We get to tell some great stories about our work here. The best stories come from the front-line workers, who are face-to-face with clients. But we have faithful, behind-the-scenes workers too, and their stories are hardly ever brought to light. So here is one.

We get phone calls all day long in the Nightwatch admin office. Our Office Manager, Coleen, is the person who answers most of them. It might be someone needing shelter. Sometimes, a caller wants to volunteer. Or perhaps a donor has questions about where to drop off socks, or food, or other supplies. All day long, Coleen graciously steers them to options, to solutions, or finds answers.

Occasionally, a parent or family member will call, looking for a lost loved one. These calls are the toughest. You can hear the despair in their voices.

Not long ago, Coleen took a call from a mother in Texas. I know what she told that desperate mother. "I can't tell you if your son has been here, but we will be on the lookout for him. If we see him, we will ask him to call you."

Our Security guy that very night was Steve. He knew the missing son and watched for him in the crowd. When the young man got to the door, Steve handed him his personal cell phone and said "Call your mother."

I heard the voicemail from the mom the next day. She was overjoyed to hear from her son. She said that Coleen's help had "saved our family." She named Steve by name.

This is Nightwatch. This is what we do. Up front or behind the scenes. ●

## 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.)
- Protein & chewy granola bars
- Cookies and pastries
- Apples, oranges, bananas
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Conditioner (travel size)
- Razors
- Lotion
- Deodorant

More info, or to schedule a drop-off: [info@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:info@seattlenightwatch.org)

## Amazon Wish List:

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

### Shelter Dispatch Center & Senior Apartments

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