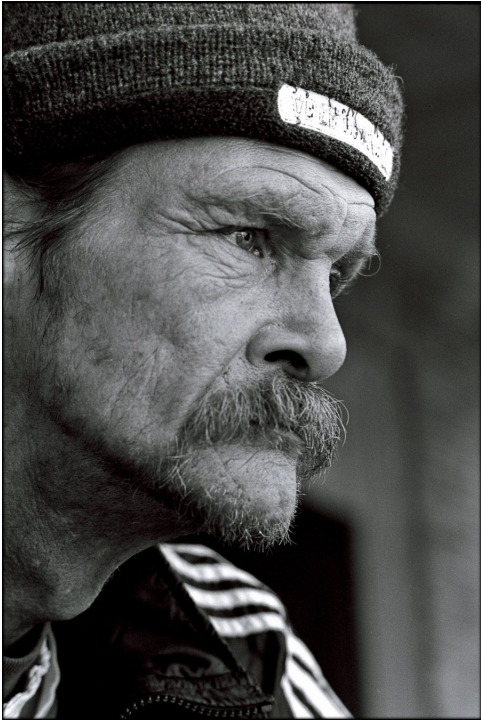


Nightwatch News

August, 2022

More than spectators

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



Our new friend, “Jim” greets us on N. Aurora Avenue. We’re surrounded by the grim realities of the sex trade. He is perhaps struggling with homelessness right now, and is interested in some water, snacks and small talk. And he happily shares his artistic interests. Lots of talent in painting, custom upholstery, woodwork, tattooing, and more.

Then, Jim asks what we’re doing out here. “Just saying hi to everyone, and maybe praying for anyone who might be interested.” He IS interested and goes on in depth about his longings for healing and reconciliation in his marriage.

As we’re wrapping up, Jim takes a deep breath, and says thanks. “We really appreciate you coming out here to visit. Life’s tough. Lots of

folks are ‘spectators.’ They drive by. You’re standing here listening and praying with us. You ‘get’ us.”

Thanks to caring people like you, we can show up to walk with folks going through difficult moments.

Lord, thank you for being “more than a spectator.” Thanks for “getting us.” ●

Listening

By Coleen Marta, Office Manager

“Jack” called at the end of the day. “Can you help me?” he asked. A waver in his voice.

He is terrified, and haltingly explains that he is hiding in a public library restroom, looking for a place to sleep tonight. Although he works at a job he loves, he has suddenly found himself unhoused. Jack has a lead on a shelter bed for the night but is hiding here for the next half hour until it is time to show up. He is alone. This call is a lifeline.

“Can you talk to me for a minute?” he asks. “Sure,” I said. Amidst the sound of toilets flushing in the background, we quietly talk about his job, and his situation. Lots of listening; I offer what assurance I can. Eventually, I hear Jack repeating to himself over and over, “Everything’s going to be alright. I’m going to be fine.”

When the time comes for Jack to leave for his shelter appointment, he reluctantly hangs up. I will probably never know the rest of his story, but I pray for his safety, and that the few minutes spent together on the phone provided some comfort and hope.

Your support helps Nightwatch offer hope to our hurting brothers and sisters, if only for a moment. Thank you. ●



Serving the night community in the name of Christ

Save the Date
Nightwatch Works
For a moment,
a meal,
and more
Wednesday, October 19
7–8 pm

It’s an evening virtual event this year!
More details to come.

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Mike Aber	Dean & Hattie Kimble	Theresa Struhrman
Les & Carol Nelson	Kathy Greiner	Maria & Greg Van Horn
Chuck Beavers	Ron Kimble	Jack Sullivan
Marge Beavers	Carl & Heather Craven	Marion Sullivan
Bill Branom	Bill Lee	Becky Terry
Mary Branom	Les Bertsch	Bob Porter
Charley Bush	Al & Maxine Lobb	Clio Thomas
Ginny Larkins	John & Jody Fenlason	Henry Jordan
Gail & Jay Winberg	Craig MacGowan	Jim & Jan Sullivan
Craig Davis	Pat & Ron Cygan	Susan Van Pelt
Bruce Davis	Jack McClintock	Judi Selset
Pat Dennis	Peggy McClintock	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Robert & Roberta Brown	Elmer Molzahn	Tony Volchok
Robert Domzalski	Sherianne Caldwell	& Cindy Monsen
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Bud Palmberg	Bill Ward
Pat Domzalski	Chrisi & Michael Dotson	Alice Fleck
Tony Domzalski	Robert & Nellie Porter	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Bob Porter	Carolyn Neitsch
Pat Domzalski	Mike Potts	Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Chris Graff	Catharine Fletcher	Don Werlech
Norma Jean Hanson	Nikki Powers	Monica Perillat-Piratoine
Frances Hardgrove	Judi Selset	Leo Werlech
Maria & Greg Van Horn	Johnnie Preston	Ray & Jackie Marsh
Bert Harlow	Barbara Anderson	Gary White
Bob Porter	Jim Reynolds	Lisa Connolley
Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Judi Selset	Eugene White
Jim & Jan Sullivan	Gladys McMenus Rippee	Mary Wooldridge
Rick Jeffries	George & Carolyn Rippee	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
George & Carolyn Rippee	Dick Shipe	
	Gary & Theresa Shipe	

Tributes

Nathan Hautala
Toni & Robert Hautala
Jaquie Lusier
Kay Franklin & Tom Mohle
Rick Reynolds
Fran & Frank Abbott
Dick & Carol Grieves
Japanese Congregational Church
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Marty Jacobs
Bill & Carol Marsh
Lee Mattson
Art & Ruby Meyer
Scott & Karen Moore
Gayle & Mike Sells
Joy Lauderbaugh
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Kevin Williams
Ken & Carol Williams

Loved

By Paul Benz, Street Minister

“Sam” did not always live in that tent on the street in Ballard. He was a veteran, and a highly-skilled skilled painter. However, a back injury upended his career and sent life into a spiral, landing him on the street.

Our weekly visits included Dick’s cheeseburgers and prayer. Sam had shared that he took great comfort knowing his “Nightwatch pastor” shows up every Wednesday. No exceptions.

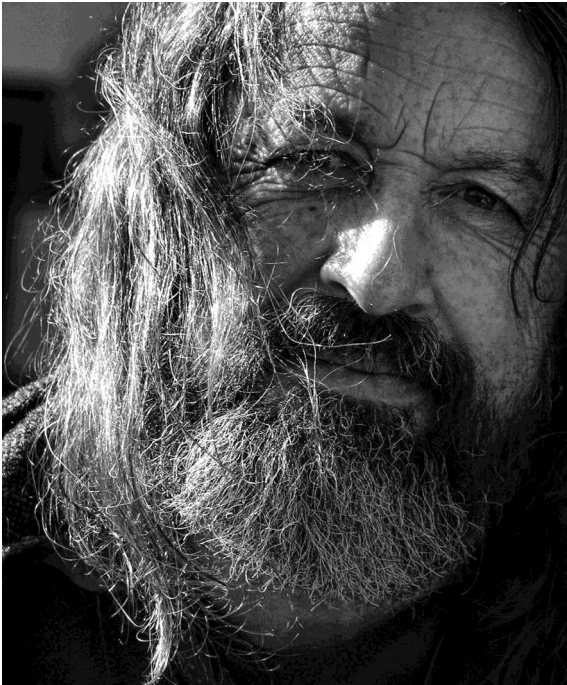
Most recently, he was excited about moving out of a tent, into a new apartment. He was thrilled to get his own place. However, just six days after moving in, Sam was found dead of natural causes.

He had listed me as his emergency contact, so I was honored to track down his family and talk with them about the amazing person who was Sam. They loved him dearly and told me many stories about his life. It was a blessing. And they saw something providential in the timing – that he died with the dignity of being housed.

Although estranged from his family for some time, Sam knew he was loved. Not only by us, but he knew that he was God’s beloved child. As his pastor, I reminded him of that every week!

“Thank you,” his sister told me recently. “I’m so glad my brother had you as a friend.”

And many thanks to you. With your prayers and gifts, we can befriend and support hundreds of people like Sam. ●



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)
- First aid cream (individual pks)
- Razors
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Sewing kits (travel size)
- New white t-shirts (men’s)

More info, or to schedule a drop-off: info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:


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

Shelter Dispatch Center & Senior Apartments
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Contact us:
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