

# Nightwatch News

Thanksgiving, 2022

## It was a great week!

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



Last week, “Diane” excitedly ran up to me on the street. “Let me tell you about my week!” She was smiling, and so I assumed there was lots of good news to share.

What followed was surprising. A litany of friends, family, and their many struggles. I’m thinking, “She’s still smiling. I guess she’s about to get to the good stuff.” She kept going with that list. Smiling the whole way through it.

Finally, I had to interrupt. “Diane, I’m so sorry to hear of these situations. Please tell me, what has you smiling as you tell me the stories?” She didn’t need to think at all, “**I am thankful that I was privileged to be with them in the darkness... to love**

**them, and remind them that everything will be okay.** To be a light, I guess.”

My encounter with Diane reminds me of how scripture lets us know that God is present, even in the difficulty. “Do not be afraid.” (Is. 41) “This is only a season.” (Ecc. 3) “I am with you always.” (Matt. 28) Indeed, there was lots of good news to share. That explains her smile.

When you support Nightwatch, you are with folks in the dark moments, loving them.

*Lord, thank you for always being with us. ●*

## Welcome in

By Tonette Winston,  
Shelter Dispatch  
Center Manager

“When are you guys gonna let us inside to eat?” It’s a familiar inquiry, and we would love nothing more.

Out of concerns for public health, our nighttime meal service and shelter referral

has been running as a “drive-thru” operation during the pandemic. As the cold weather hits, we see the weariness in the eyes of our 100+ daily clients, and want nothing more than to offer a refuge, if only a few hours each night. **We relate to the longing for brief moments to sit and dine, and the dignity of access to a rest room.** We are anxious to re-open. We are finalizing how to do this safely. It helps that public health restrictions have lifted, and COVID rates are low.

It’s exciting to imagine reconnecting with our clients. The gathering space becomes a place of friendship and community: clients, staff, and volunteers. Laughter and well-wishes echo off the walls. Peace replaces the anxiety. It’s a real type of “Thanksgiving table,” every night of the year. This all motivates us to act.

Logistically we are prepared. Our hearts are open. **Please keep us in your prayers as we move forward in welcoming clients back inside.**

*Lord, thank you for your spirit of hospitality. ●*



# NIGHTWATCH

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

## SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

**Sock Drive-Up Drop-Off**

Sunday, December 11  
12:30–2:00 pm

Start collecting new, men’s  
athletic socks now.

Hope to see you there!

More details:

[seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it](https://seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it)

## Nightwatch Works

*because  
of you*

It’s not too late!  
Matching funds for gifts  
of \$200 and more  
are still available.

**Give today!**

<https://bit.ly/nwwrks>



# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Terry Ball	Al & Maxine Lobb	Mary Speltz
Ann Sakaguchi	John & Jody Fenlason	Robert & Roberta Brown
Bill Branom	Necia McKendrick	Clio Thomas
Mary Branom	Ben & Flo Curtis	Jim & Jan Sullivan
Craig Davis	Elmer Molzahn	Susan Van Pelt
Bruce Davis	Sherianne Caldwell	Judi Selset
Robert Domzalski	Gretchen Monteith	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Bob Porter	Tony Volchok
Pat Domzalski	Janet Vischak	& Cindy Monsen
Tony Domzalski	Bud Palmberg	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Chrisi & Michael Dotson	Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Pat Domzalski	Donna Palmberg	Leo Werlech
Joyce Freese	Elden Pemberton	Ray & Jackie Marsh
Brian Freese	Paul Pemberton	Gary White
Chris Graff	Robert & Nellie Porter	Lisa Connolley
Norma Jean Hanson	Bob Porter	Mary Wooldridge
Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Mike Potts	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Jim & Jan Sullivan	Catharine Fletcher	
Dean & Hattie Kimble	Nikki Powers	
Kathy Greiner	Judi Selset	
Ron Kimble	Jim Reynolds	
Carl & Heather Craven	Judi Selset	
Richard Lamb	Leonard Root	
Luke Larson	Rick & Lorri Reynolds	
Chue Lee	Sandy Schoenhals	
Shukuan De Souza	Roger Schoenhals	
Jemin Liu	Dick Shipe	
Yeedeh Loh	Gary & Theresa Shipe	

## Tributes

Arnie Brann  
Rick & Lorri Reynolds  
Patricia Broulette  
Akane Yamaguchi  
Dutch Brown  
Bill Yeend  
Sidney & Robert Harrelson  
Karen & John Thielke  
Bob Hirotaka  
Harvey & Geri Nelson  
In the name of Christ  
Christine Zhao  
Frank Lawler  
Laurence Belfer  
Man Lung Li  
Shutye Yeeung  
Julia & Wes Proudlove  
Mary & Michael Brooks  
Rick Reynolds  
Dick & Carol Grieves  
Linda & Mike Martin  
Mark & Judi Morrison  
Doug Hart & Carole Powell  
Kim Sather  
Ann Sakaguchi  
Kim Sather  
Grace Uomoto  
Denny Shaw  
Carol Sue Janes  
Samuel & Connie Tarr  
Kira Martinez  
The Tuesday night SLU Crew  
Molly Bosch

## Good news By Rev. Michael Cox, Street Minister

Jesus blesses the homeless from a place where they can see and hear him. On the street, face to face, eye to eye, from “some flat, level ground.” (Luke 6:17)

Every Tuesday, Operation Nightwatch participates in a community dinner church. We meet in a parking garage in downtown Seattle. As hot entrees and desserts are served out of chafing dishes, the invitational hospitality of Christ and his love are shared.

I begin each meal with prayer and a short story about Jesus. The Bible is too often communicated as a book of morality and rules, and our homeless friends often assume they deserve poverty because of their moral failing. “God is punishing me because of all my bad choices.”

Reading the Bible with people on the street reveals the centrality of God’s care for the marginalized and social outcasts of our city. **The story of Jesus is good news to our unhoused friends.** “God will bless you people who are poor. His kingdom belongs to you! God will bless you hungry people. You will have plenty to eat! God will bless you people who are crying. You will laugh.” (Luke 6:20-21 CEV)

Thank you for helping Operation Nightwatch provide space for homeless people to hear, taste, and see that the Lord is good! Please consider a monthly gift to provide food, shelter, housing and hope to our neighbors in need. ●



## 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
- Individual bags of chips
- Cookies and pastries
- Apples, oranges, bananas
- Shampoo & conditioner
- First aid cream
- Razors
- Lotion
- Gloves
- Beanie style hats
- Men’s new athletic socks
- Twin size sheet sets

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


## Amazon Wish List:

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

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