

Nightwatch News

February, 2023

Better together

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



Operation Nightwatch's ministries of "food, shelter, housing and hope" provide daily **opportunities for cooperation and unity**. We welcome a wide array of organizations who want to be involved... especially the broad spectrum of church communities who see ministry to the homeless and marginalized as an extension of their faith.

Nightwatch serves in the name of Christ, and we are an amazing 'meeting place' for **all** who desire to serve.

In Matthew 18:12, Jesus talks about how a good shepherd leaves the 99 sheep to find the 1 who is lost. And when he finds it, he carries it on his shoulders, **rejoicing**. In a time when many of our brothers and sisters are lost on the streets - and as church communities are shrinking - a fascinating dynamic happens: The opportunity for reconciliation. As "Casper," a client, asked me, "Where do you go to church? I want to go there with you, because they sent you to find me."

Nightwatch is a way for all of us to seek those who have been separated from community, to embrace and reconcile them in relationship, and to rejoice.

Happy to talk with your community about collaboration!

Lord, thank you for coming to find us whenever we are lost. ●

Loving...my job

By Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator

It's a phrase that I use often. "Loving my job so I never 'work' again."

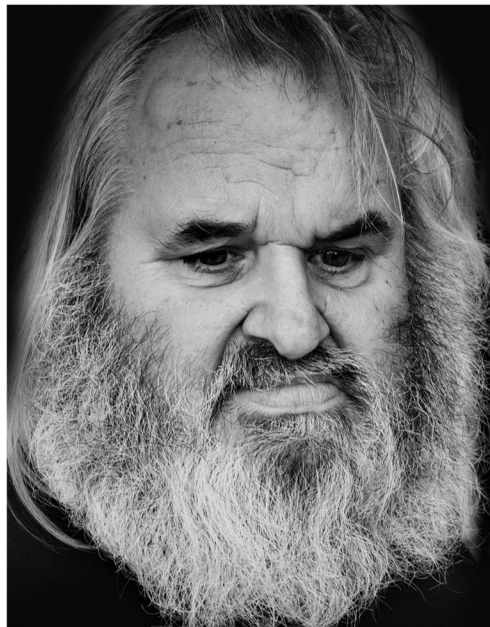
One day can bring every emotion. It's good to remind yourself why you do what you do. **For me, the reason is Love.**

Recently, a tenant, "Samuel" and I had yet another unpleasant encounter. He was very abrupt, as usual. I had taken on the habit of going back to my office and just praying for him, asking God for guidance. I heard clearly, "Treat him with love and care. Be concerned for his well-being, despite his behaviors."

He was mad at the world, and I re-approached him in love. The encounter was amazing and healing. As I was walking away, Samuel was perplexed and asked me, "How can you get up every day and care for people that are just 'mad at the hand we've been dealt?'" I responded, "I promised God that I would love each one of you until you are able to love yourselves." He said, "**Well I guess it's working. I no longer feel broken and shattered on the inside.**"

And right then I realized I'm right where God wants me.

Lord, thank you for the dignity of our work. ●



NIGHTWATCH

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

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
- Fruit
- To-go soup containers
- Shampoo & conditioner
- First aid cream
- Razors
- Lotion
- Gloves
- Beanie style hats
- Men's new athletic socks
- Twin size sheet sets
- Clean, durable blankets

For more information, or to schedule a donation drop-off:
info@seattlenightwatch.org

Amazon Wish List:

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

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

David Aasen
Kay Franklin & Tom Mohle
James & Judith Rowson
Arthur & Kay Abe
Mike Abe
Dorothy Balch
Candi Tepke
Karen Lynn Boos
George & Carolyn Rippee
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Richard Brenneman
Ruth Brenneman
Bob Brooks
Allison Brown
Chauncey Burke
Susan Burke
Charley Bush
Marcia & Robert Banks
Ginny Larkins
Missy Costanzo
George & Carolyn Rippee
Joe Curtis
Robert & Roberta Brown
Craig Davis
Bruce Davis
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Thomas Donahue
Katherine Beltran
John Donahue
Kim Forman
Bill & Jody Lemke
Paul Ross
Jerry Shigaki
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson

Donald Gwilym
Karen Gwilym
Jay Higbee
Kirk & Marsha Kallander
Mal & Effie Higgins
Linda & Mike Martin
Josh Hoffman
Lyle Burlingame
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Joybelle Johnson Eriks
Verna Eriks
David & Ann Melander
Donna Raade
Marilyn Kavanaugh
Elizabeth Hansen
Dean & Hattie Kimble
Kathy Greiner
Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Brenda Lundberg
Ken & Carol Williams
George Matsuda
Muriel Taylor
Ann Marie Mayhle
Stephen & JoyAnn Wise
Mark McLaughlin
Arnold Becker
Albert & Velma Miller
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Elmer Molzahn
Sherianne Caldwell
Gretchen Monteith
Lee Monteith
Joseph Moretti
Linda & George Ojemann
Martin Murray
Maria & Greg Van Horn

Bud Palmberg
Anonymous
Chrisi & Michael Dotson
Linda Senff
Robert & Nellie Porter
Bob Porter
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Norm & Bonnie Riggins
Art & Ruby Meyer
Dave & Robin Roe
Howard Rippee
George & Carolyn Rippee
Leonard and Edith Root
Janet Root
Mary Santi
Steve Santi
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Jane Shipe
Stephen Shipe
& Marta Pasztor
Greg & Mary Speltz
Robb Petersen
Lynn Vollert
Susan Dayot Stewart
Bonnie & Clarence Stewart
Clio Thomas
Henry Jordan
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Tony Volchok
& Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Carolyn Neitsch
Gary White
Lisa Connolley
Eugene White
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

Holly Boone
Mike & Barbara Evans
Molly Bosch
Bridget Bosch
Bruce, Cate, Alfred, Nini,
and Elaine
Connie Miller
Linda Bush
Mike & Barbara Evans
Tom & Kari Curran
Celeste Stockton
Nancy Davis
Marilyn Iverson
Roob Dawg
James Yorkston
Eugene Hall
Nancy Anderson
Nathan Hautala
Robert & Toni Hautala
Kathy Higbee
Sheila & Doug Bartlett
Emily Janiszewski
Mary & Michael Brooks
Jay, Jen, Jon, James, Maddy,
Miles, Lily, Niko & Louise
Jeanie Bustard
Man Lung Li
Eric Lam
Landis Lingren
Lois Lingren
Fred Micera's birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh
Victoria Palmen
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Rick Reynolds
Dan Barthold
David & LaVonne Dubois
Clydene Evans-Wenzel
Dick & Carol Grieves
Scott Higbee
Kathi Mueller
John & Sharon Okamoto
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Ann Sakaguchi
John & Sharon Okamoto
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Terry Straka
Marilyn Iverson

True north

By Ben Curtis, Street Minister

I was visiting a friend who had recently moved into transitional housing.

He showed me a picture of a cross with the four ends shaped like arrows, making it look like a compass. The drawing reminded me of an encounter that we had on the streets just a few weeks prior.

It was a bitterly cold night in a downtown park. We came upon "John" laying down on the ground, with only a thin blanket to protect him. I knew it wouldn't be enough to keep him warm for the long, chilly night ahead. I asked him if he could use a sleeping bag. His eyes lit up and he said that would be helpful. So, I went back to the car and grabbed one.

It was his response after I handed it to him that stuck with me: **"Thank you. I didn't know what I was going to do until you showed up."**

The love Christ poured out for us at the cross can now be poured out of us onto others. This love is like a compass, a guiding star in the night sky for folks, like John, who may have forgotten that **God loves them immensely.**

Lord, thank you for being our true north. ●



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