

Nightwatch News

July, 2023

Do you have a minute?

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



Most of the people I run into have something deep and urgent to share. **It's an honor to listen.**

It's okay that it rarely takes "just a minute." Big stuff takes time to process. It's also okay that it's not always coherent. Sometimes we need others to help make sense out of what we're experiencing.

"Manny" was insulted on the bus; "Cici" says her doctor doesn't listen; "Diane" is concerned about a neighbor; "Albert" is frustrated about politics; "Chrissy" wishes she could be with her son as he graduates, but she is stuck

in the sex trade; "Pete" wants a place to live, but will settle for a safe place to sleep; "Andrew" feels called to shift careers to help those in great need, but is anxious about the change.

The weight of burden is shared.

Listening brings the awareness of lots of things to pray for (and work for!) every day. It's how Operation Nightwatch abides in relationship and continues to learn and respond.

I'm reminded of the most important listening in my daily life, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." (Matthew 17:5).

"Speak Lord, your servant is listening..." (1 Sam. 3:9) ●



NIGHTWATCH

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

Seeing and Saving

By Rev. Paul Benz, Street Minister

Amidst the crowd perusing local bars restaurants and art galleries downtown, a man lay on his back. A friend frantically trying to help him. **At the beginning of every outreach, we pray for eyes to see people as God sees them.**

We saw this man. Drawing near, we could see that his lips and face were blue and that he was not breathing. I pulled the Narcan out of my backpack as Rev. Michael called 911. After I administered Narcan he was still unresponsive, and Rev. Michael began CPR chest compressions. Eventually the man regained consciousness just as Seattle Police Department and Seattle Fire Department arrived.



We all reminded him that he was still in mid-overdose and he agreed to go to the hospital. The first responders helped him onto the stretcher. His three friends joined us in a circle of prayer.

Afterward, Rev. Michael and I acknowledged this was the first time we had administered Narcan and CPR, and were thankful to be allowed by God to save someone's life.

I believe that it was God's work through the people of Operation Nightwatch that made it possible for us to be there that night. ●

**Volunteer
Orientation**
Wednesday, July 12,
7:30 pm

Come on in, take a look around, and hear about all of our volunteer opportunities. We'd love to meet you and get you connected!

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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom	Mary Hebert & Gerald Ripple	Dick Shipe
Mary Branom	Kevin Kinsella and family	Gary & Theresa Shipe
Kim Canda	Kinerk Family	Stephen Shipe & Marta Pasztor
Maria & Greg Van Horn	Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Greg & Mary Speltz
Bev Coco	Jim and Jan Sullivan	Martha Cohen
Robert Porter	Dean & Hattie Kimble	Jack Giesler
The Family of Mary Janice Creason	Kathy & Jeff Greiner	Karen Sweeney-Boss
Diana Gallagher	Ron Kimble	George & Carolyn Rippee
Sharon Hannifan	Carl & Heather Craven	Clio Thomas
Sharon Pevera	Grandma Lee	Henry Jordan
Deacon Joe Curtis	Anthony Chang	Jim and Jan Sullivan
Robert & Roberta Brown	Al & Maxine Lobb	Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Craig Davis	John & Jody Fenlason	Cindy Monsen
Bruce Davis	Norman & Melinda Lobb	Gary White
Robert Domzalski	Elmer Molzahn	Lisa Connolley
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Sherianne Caldwell	Eugene White
Pat Domzalski	Emma Murray	Carolyn Wiley-Frasier
Tony Domzalski	Maria & Greg Van Horn	George & Carolyn Rippee
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Maxine Nicholson	Mary Wooldridge
Pat Domzalski	Joan Burton	Fran & Frank Abbott
Marie Erickson	Robert & Nellie Porter	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Judy Hurley	Bob Porter	
Trevor Evans	Bud Palmberg	
Erik & Kristen Wilson-Weiburg	National Christian Foundation	
Chris Graff	Mike Potts	
Norma Jean Hanson	Catharine Fletcher	
Clark Hoyt	Jeri Sengler	
Prisca Bungiranto	Joy Lauderbaugh	

Tributes

Christie Cave
Jonathan Went
Stu Dent
Kevin Maloney
The DiPietro Family
Kim Bundy
Timothy Hummel
Catherine Hummel
Sean Janssen
Cindy Riddell
Dottie Kiehle
Harvey Nelson
Deacon Terry Marcell
Fran & Frank Abbott
Patti Martin
Joy Lauderbaugh
Daryl Mondor & Val Berland
Mary & Michael Brooks
Rick Reynolds
Ian & Lauren Ebright
Dick & Carol Grieves
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Linda Martin
Jeri Senger
Joy Lauderbaugh
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes

Fostering Community

By Shelley Dooley, Managing Director

Operation Nightwatch is unique in our approach to those that are suffering. **The foundation of our work is relationships with those we encounter.**

I have worked in homeless services for my entire career and other organizations do this to some extent, but we are able to be different. By seeking flexible funding sources, including our community of generous donors and private foundations, we are able to prioritize relationships over metrics.

We have authentic relationships that are built on trust and consistency. **This trust and consistency creates a community.**

Whatever brought an individual to the streets can be overcome with relationship. Relationship with God, and community.

Our Street Ministers walking down the street and praying with those they encounter; dispatch staff making an extra sandwich for a client who showed up late because of his job and missed dinner; shelter staff sitting with a client and listening to his story of aging out of foster care and entering adulthood without parental structure and support; the administrative team making sure the bills are paid and staff has health insurance. These are all examples of the work our team does every day.

Thank you for being a part of our community. ●



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
- 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://bit.ly/ONWlist>

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