

Nightwatch News

September, 2023

A father's love

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



"Pete" showed up first again for dinner. He can see that it's going to be a busy night. He is offered his meal, but defers, "I can wait. Serve everyone else first." And the visiting continues. He's excited to talk about his adult sons. He is so proud of them. Lately, they have been needing his help. He's been sacrificing expense, time and travel to be there for them. New business ventures? Family and relationship stuff? He's there.

He quietly reveals that things have been a little tough on him lately. **What keeps him going is that he wants his sons to "always know that they are loved."**

Pete inspires us. His sons are benefitting from their father's love, even if they don't know that life has been tough for him lately. They just see him showing up and loving. The others in the food line this evening all benefitted, too. Especially the grateful person in line who received the last meal, precisely because Pete deferred his meal.

Pete's actions remind me of Jesus' words, "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God..." (John 4:34).

Lord, thanks for reminding us that we "do not live on bread alone." (Matthew 4:4).

Your support provides a safe community where people can share with one another. Thank you for your generosity! ●

You deserve life

By Rev. Michael Cox,
Street Minister

I have been meeting "Jessica" for Bible study every Thursday for three months. She lives in a shelter for women fleeing domestic violence, and she is healing.

While there are small victories with court dates, restraining orders, housing vouchers, and peer-led support groups, nothing brings justice like the teachings of Jesus. When I arrive for our sessions, Jessica is always sitting at a table, waiting for me, with snacks, ready to read the Word of God.

This week we read the story of Jesus walking on the water. In the story, there is chaos, fear, doubt, and terror. Jesus responds with courage and comfort. "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." To the question of "Lord, if it is you", Jesus says, "Come, get out of the boat, participate with me in the miraculous. When your heart sinks into the trauma of violence, take my hand, I will embrace you. Don't be afraid to have your own apartment or go back to school. **Believe that you deserve life.** I reach out my hand to you, not to give you a black eye, but to pull you up, to keep you from sinking."

Jessica, get ready to walk on water! ●



NIGHTWATCH

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

Together Again



Operation Nightwatch 2023

Together Again

Thursday, November 2

6:30-7:30 pm

*Doors open for coffee and
conversation at 5:30 pm.*

Join us in-person
once again for our
annual fundraiser.
This year, it's dinner!

More info and RSVP:
<https://bit.ly/ONWta>



Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Helen Brennan
Elizabeth Hansen
Charley Bush
Ginny Larkins
Robert Cooper
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Patricia Dennis
Robert & Roberta Brown
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Effie & Mal Higgins
Linda & Mike Martin
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
Dean & Hattie Kimble
Kathy & Jeff Greiner

Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Danielle Lorenz
Dave & Maryanne Enslow
Terry Marcell
Steven London
Shawn Marcell
Scott Martinez
Paul Pemberton
Elmer Molzahn
Sherianne Caldwell
Bud Palmberg
Doreen Duff-Dings
Robert & Nellie Porter
Bob Porter
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Jane Shipe
Abby Sinclair
Anthony Chang

Greg & Mary Speltz
Lynn Vollert
Charles Strobel
Sam & Toni Pace
Veryl Toms
Randall & Linda Toms
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Carolyn Neitsch
Leo Werlech
Theresa Werlech
Gary White
Lisa Connolley
Eugene White
Mary Wicks Brucker
Monica Perillat-Piratoine
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

Patricia Broulette
Akane Yamaguchi
Canyon Hills Community
Church volunteers
Kristy Badger
Ben Curtis
Anonymous
Anita Riksheim
The Entertainian (Fandom)
James Yorkston
Luna Guzman-Mao
Anthony Chang
Paul & Ruth Jacobson
Paul & Carole Jacobson
Dave Kiehle
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Man Lung Li
Shutyee Yeung
Amanda Moschella
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Maggie Paczkowski's birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh
Rick Reynolds
Dick & Carol Grieves
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes

Welcome home

By Marlene Poland, Housing Coordinator

This month I had the great privilege of welcoming two very wonderful people out of homelessness, and into our senior housing. What an amazing thing to be able to say!

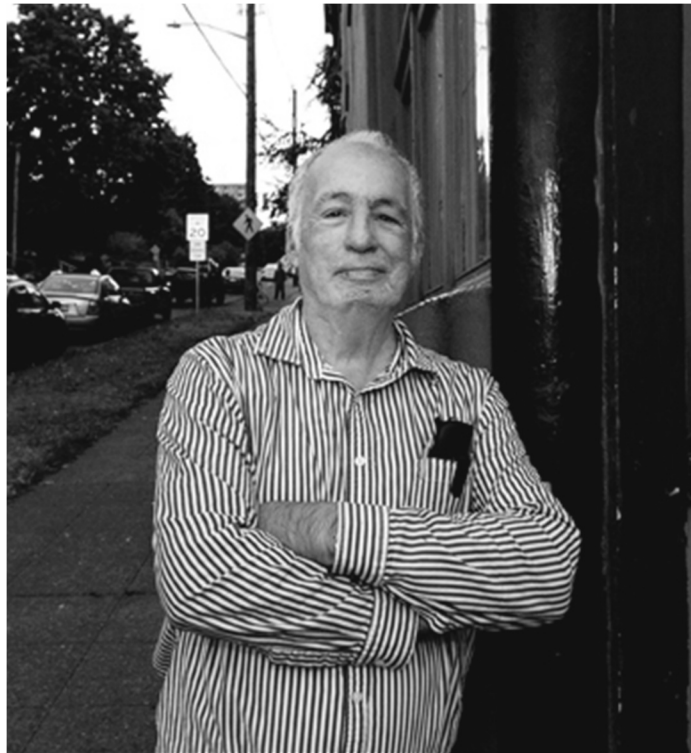
"Eddie" comes from our very own shelter. He told me, **"Nightwatch believed in me when I wasn't able to believe in myself."** Eddie benefitted greatly from the support of our new part-time case manager.

"Jessie" came to us from another shelter. She loves to reflect and share, **"Where would I be without the mercy, grace, and love of God?"** Indeed! That's the force that drives all that we do.

We remain at full capacity, with a wait list. Lord, perhaps someday there will be more space to welcome, and no need for a wait list?

Meanwhile, the good journeys continue. One of our existing residents, "Danny," will soon move on toward his own self-contained apartment. This is a great move for him, and we celebrate it. He found stabilization here, and he is ready to move on. With his moving forward, we will again be privileged to welcome another new resident.

Thanks to your support, Operation Nightwatch continues to be here, opening doors and welcoming. ●



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
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- 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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