

## Home for the holidays?

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



Her handshake is intense. It’s chilly. She’s wearing gloves. But she holds onto our hands like she’s clinging to a life raft, and looks into our eyes to make sure that we can see her.

We talk with “Beth” every week. She’s from out of state. Her mom is there, struggling with an illness. She has a young son back home. Amazing reasons to get back. Alas, the pressures of the sex trade keep her from being able to seriously entertain the option. At least not yet.

**The holidays bring up the sentiment of going home.**  
We are hoping that this can become a reality for Beth.

She seems weary in life. Her eyes open wide when home is discussed.

Every week, she engages with us until we bring up the offer again to help her get home, whenever she is ready. She is comforted to know the offer stands.

**Thank you for your support in making our ministry with Beth and others possible.**

*Lord, you offer us a home, in the midst of weariness. When we find ourselves clinging to hope-filled relationships. Thank you for your standing offer of rest. (Matthew 11: 28) ●*

Speaking of being “back home,” I am thrilled to announce that Rev. Rick Reynolds has rejoined Nightwatch as a street minister. This is a win for all.

You will enjoy his article below!

Welcome back, Rick!

## Glimmer of hope

By Rev. Rick Reynolds,  
Street Minister  
Executive Director Emeritus

Standing by the door of a neighborhood pharmacy, “Nick” was shivering under his clear disposable plastic poncho. We were both soaking wet. The rain was pounding down.

We chatted about the lousy weather. “You got a dry place?” I asked quietly.

“Not really,” Nick answered.

**“Don’t give up, Brother.”**

I could not do much at that moment. But something inside me glimmered. Maybe Nightwatch could use another part time street minister. Maybe I can still be of use at my advanced age. Maybe I need Nick as much as he needs me. That day I emailed Michael Cox and offered myself for 12 hours a week. **We have to do something.**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve once again. ●



### NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night community in the name of Christ

### SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS

**Sock Drive Open House**  
Sunday, December 3  
12:30–2:00 pm  
Collect new, men’s athletic socks and bring them in.  
*Hope to see you there!*  
More details:  
[seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it](http://seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it)

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Kay Abe	Paul Jacobson Sr.
Norman Abe	Paul & Carole Jacobson
All who died living unhoused this year	Donna Jensen
Molly Bosch	Rebecca Christianson
Bill Branom	Joan
Mary Branom	Jim Pitman
Monica Brown	Dean & Hattie Kimble
Robert & Roberta Brown	Kathy & Jared Greiner
Charley Bush	Ron Kimble
Ginny Larkins	Carl & Heather Craven
Elizabeth Colehour	Dick Lamb
Elizabeth Hansen	Mark & Judy Larson
Jan Creason	Al & Maxine Lobb
Gary Crevling	John & Jody Fenlason
Robert Domzalski	Marc Loewisch
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Mike & Margaret Quinn
Pat Domzalski	Elmer Molzahn
Tony Domzalski	Sherianne Caldwell
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Gretchen Monteith
Pat Domzalski	David Monteith
Susan & Leslie Dozsa	Dave Moulton
Les Dozsa	Eva Mader
Keith & Kay Forbes	Gunnar & Mildred Nordstrom
Linda & Mike Martin	Bert Nordstrom
Tara Gary	F.P.
Molly Bosch	Penelope Toland
Chris Graff	Bud Palmberg
Norma Jean Hanson	Nancy & Jeff Davis
C.H.	Chrisi & Michael Dotson
Penelope Toland	Jeunai Emery
Mary Ellen Ingersoll	Robert & Nellie Porter
Jim & Jan Sullivan	Bob Porter

Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher
Frances Reynolds
Todd Cusick
Sheila Liddle
Coleen & Jason Marta
Ann Sakaguchi
Judi Selset
Miq Romero
Molly Bosch
Dick Shipe
Christine Elson
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Clinton & LuElla Snow
Lisa & Jim Lady
Greg & Mary Speltz
Jack & Sheila Giesler
Dominic Sweet
Molly Bosch
Alex Tolliver
Molly Bosch
Coty True
Ben & Flo Curtis
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok
Cindy Monsen
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Leo Werlech
Theresa Werlech
Gary White
Lisa Connolley
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

## Tributes

Molly Bosch
Bridget Bosch
Emily Meeks
St. Marks' Cathedral
Nathan Hautala
Toni & Robert Hautala
Patti Hoss
Vince & Wendy Hoss
Nicholas
Emily Janiszewski
Rick Reynolds
Dick & Carol Grieves
Doug Hart & Carole Powell
Bob Power
Lynn & Nancy Walker
Margey Rubato
Mark Dalton
Ann Sakaguchi
Sharon & Ron Hirata
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Staff of Belltown DSHS office
Mark Dalton
Don Stevens' birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh

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Please help by collecting these items for us to distribute to our homeless friends and tenants (travel sizes are preferred):

- Cookies and pastries
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- Men’s new athletic socks
- Beanie hats & warm gloves
- Wash cloths & towels
- Twin sheet sets, new or clean
- Twin blankets, new or clean

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

## Amazon Wish List:

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# Isolation

**By Rev. Michael Cox,  
Director of Outreach Ministry**

People from all walks of life make their way to our weekly meal on Capitol Hill.

Tonight, a man came for the first time. He is always walking his tiny dog and refuses to believe that I am not a Catholic priest. I have invited him at least a dozen times. As he approaches the dinner soaking wet from the rain, sharing how he got on the wrong bus and got lost after his doctor’s appointment, dinner church becomes a literal life raft.

My friend “Donna” asks me if I know of any good places to sleep tonight. I know from experience that she doesn’t feel safe in shelters, so I suggest the well-lit, covered courtyard across from the school. After some discussion, she knows exactly where it is.

Donna is always positive and smiley. She tells me that her day was lovely because she got to eat breakfast and dinner. Beaming, she shares that when she comes to the dinner, she gets to meet new people and be around friends. She says that being seventy years old and homeless can be pretty isolating.

She thanks me for the food and tells me that, “your food is from love and is a gift from the heart. **When the gift is given from the heart it’s eternal.**” Donna hugs me and thanks me for welcoming her. For making her feel like a “normal Christian.”

These last few months have been a lesson in trusting the Lord. In believing that he wants his house full. That in the face of dehumanizing isolation, the love of Christ, “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”  
(1 Corinthians 13:7 NRSVUE)

**God heals isolation with community. Thank you for being part of our healing community. ●**

