

# Nightwatch News

May, 2024

## Deeper longings

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



We provide lots of practical help. Food, shelter, housing, case management, clothing and other donated items. **In the midst of these material transactions, we try to pause and see the whole person in front of us.**

Often, we can offer something deeper, “Is there anything I can keep in my prayers for you today?” A simple question. Yet, it often catches folks off guard. Typically, there is moment of pause, and a double-take. Like, “Did you really just express a

desire to hear my deepest longings and needs?”

And then we hear powerful things: “Sheila” desires to be reconnected with long-separated family, “Danny” has concerns for friends who are ill, “Paul” has a desire to forgive someone, “Cam” hopes to enter rehab and get a job, “Mindy” wants to be healed from something plaguing them. We are honored to be on this sacred ground.

**Deep trust is formed in these moments.**

Some friends have told me that they would be afraid to offer such an expression of love and care. We all fear being rejected. So, then we don’t take the risk, and fear becomes a barrier.

*Lord, thank you for your perfect love that casts out the fear (1 John 4:18). Help us to grow in your love. ●*

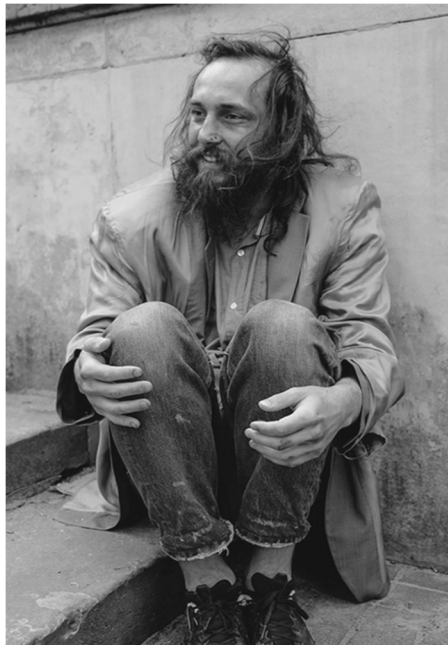
## All God’s children

By Rev. Michael Cox,  
Director of Outreach Ministry

Every month, our street ministry team provides deep pastoral care to over seven hundred people. Their need to be known and seen is met in many ways. We offer meals, socks, conversation, and prayer.

One afternoon while on outreach, a young man sitting on the sidewalk, in front of a church apologized to me. “Sorry that you have to deal with people like us.” I reminded him that we were all created in the image of God and encouraged him to not adopt an identity of shame and guilt. **He smiled and nodded in agreement. “I always thought we were all God’s children!”**

A false narrative exists, a narrative that living on the streets is somehow God’s punishment. As Street Ministers, we challenge that false narrative, communicating the God of Scripture. A God who commands love. A God who promises to not leave us homeless but rather, to make his home with us. **“Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them (John 14:23).”** Help us to remember that all of us together are God’s children. May we suffer and rejoice together. ●



# NIGHTWATCH

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



## GiveBIG 2024

**May 7th & 8th**  
Early giving starts April 23

Your support provides food, shelter, housing, and hope to people in need. All gifts will be matched up to \$32,500!



<https://bit.ly/GiveNW>

## Volunteer Orientation

**Friday, May 10**  
**5:30 pm**

Come on in, take a look around, and hear about all of our volunteer opportunities.

302 14th Ave S, Seattle 98144

RSVP:  
[michelle@seattlenightwatch.org](mailto:michelle@seattlenightwatch.org)

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Chuck Beavers  
Marge Beavers  
Bobby  
Marla Hoffman  
Bill Branom  
Mary Branom  
Monica Brown  
Robert & Roberta Brown  
Charley Bush  
Ginny Larkins  
Youpei Chao  
Yeedehe Loh  
Charles  
Marla Hoffman  
Don Conroy  
Elizabeth Hansen  
Craig Davis  
Bruce Davis  
Robert Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
Elizabeth  
Marla Hoffman  
Rich Flajole  
Maria & Greg Van Horn  
Keith & Kay Forbes  
Linda & Mike Martin  
John Gehrig  
Catherine Hummel  
Chris Graff  
Norma Jean Hanson  
John Hull  
Vijay & Carol Luthra  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan

Barbara Ivester  
Elizabeth Hansen  
Dean & Hattie Kimble  
Kathy & Jared Greiner  
Ron Kimble  
Carl & Heather Craven  
Howard Lee  
Jason & Julie Chee  
Mary & May Lee  
Steve & Chris Murphy  
John & Sharon Okamoto  
Al & Maxine Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Harley & Mercedes Lolley  
Vernon & Marilyn Lolley  
Davonne Loup  
Carl Westphal  
Stephanie M  
Kristen Wilson-Weiberg  
Craig MacGowan  
Pat & Ron Cygan  
Horst Mader  
Eva Mader  
Ryan Martin  
Anthony Chang  
Suzie McIlhiney  
Steve Santi  
Ann Melander  
Laura Brown  
Paul Eriks  
David Melander  
Wendy Miller  
Suzie Nelles  
Rebecca Over  
Michael  
Marla Hoffman  
Albert & Velma Miller  
Vernon & Marilyn Lolley

Ronald Mills  
Nellie Ann Mills  
Elmer Molzahn  
Sherianne Caldwell  
Olga  
Marla Hoffman  
Bud Palmberg  
Anonymous  
Chrisi & Michael Dotson  
Robert & Nellie Porter  
Bob Porter  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Dick Shipe  
Gary & Theresa Shipe  
Alhoma Spangler  
June Burr  
Tim Staley  
Ralph & Mar Rand  
Jane Stockert  
Carol Jean & Patrick Gaffney  
Jan Sullivan  
Lola Davidson  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Carolyn Neitsch  
Leo Werlech  
Ray & Jackie Marsh  
Theresa Werlech  
Gary White  
Lisa Connolley  
Eugene White  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone & Pat Braus  
Joey Yee  
Anthony Chang

## Tributes

All who serve  
Eva Mader  
Barbara Clausen & Gay Selby  
Joy Lauderbaugh  
Happy Easter to Dan & Dylan  
Dan Patterson  
& Debby Walters  
Homeless Native American women  
Susan Kirk  
Leah Leicester  
Jennifer Blackwood  
Phil Lorente  
Buffalo Mazzetti  
Donna Jean Palmberg's birthday  
Dan & Carolyn Brannen  
Glen & Doris Schultz  
Mary Margaret Pruitt  
Bob Porter  
Ann Sakaguchi  
Lance & Patti Matsuda  
Spencer Schwegler  
Paul & Carole Jacobson  
Denny Shaw  
Carol Sue Janes  
Victoria Palmen  
Harvey & Geri Nelson

## Newly housed

**By Tonette Winston,  
Director of Housing & Shelter Services**

These days, we are thankful to have access to fifteen hours of case management each week. We have seen the difference this relationship makes in people's lives.

**One of our clients, "Tim" survived on the streets for the last twelve years.** Over the past four years, he regularly came to our Dispatch center for the evening meal. He was often disappointed, and constantly stated that if he had housing, he would miraculously change and live the life God meant for him to live.

Our case manager convinced him that together they could make this happen. Still, Tim held out little hope that his circumstance could ever change.

They created a detailed plan of action and, with support from the Nightwatch community, we were able to get him into a studio apartment.

Tim states he will never forget our "tough love" approach; case management meetings, and detailed questions. All the while, he realized we were right behind him, waiting to catch him if needed.

**Now newly housed, Tim still returns to Nightwatch nightly as a volunteer and hopes to one day become a staff member.**

Your support helps people like Tim become safely housed. Please consider giving today. ●



## Shopping List

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
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Soap & body wash
- Deodorant
- Men's new athletic socks
- 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:

Ship donations to our door!  
<https://bit.ly/ONWlist>



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