

Nightwatch News

February, 2025

Better eye contact

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



Mike showed up at our community dinner last week. It was our first time meeting. There was a unique joy about him. Surprisingly, he shared it's because several months ago, he was "fortunate to have his cell phone stolen."

Fortunate? Confused but intrigued, we asked for more information. "Man, there was maybe a day or so that I was mad... But ever since then, I've noticed that I've been able to keep up on things just fine by talking to people. You know, really connecting. One thing people have told me is that they notice I make really good eye contact. I'm more available than before. I'm no longer staring

at my phone. It's been six months now!"

Mike reminded me of the scriptures that speak of the beauty of seeing God "face to face," meaning deep engagement, love, and true understanding. (1 Cor. 13:12; Rev. 22:4-6)

Life on the streets can certainly be rough, but I realized during our conversation that Mike is on to something. **Losing the things of this world can help us grow in what matters eternally.**

Lord, help us to keep making better eye contact! ●

Unexpected moments

By Tonette Winston,
Director of Housing & Shelter Services

Some would say it's those perfect times, those "aha moments" that let us know that we are heading down the right path. However, I would dare to say that sometimes **it's actually the unexpected moments that help alleviate our doubt.** I often find myself wondering, "Have I done enough?" In the midst of these thoughts, it is nice to have an unexpected glimpse; an assurance that caring for others is enough.

Last week, I worked overnight at our Women's Shelter. As time passed, and 6:00 am approached, I watched and listened to the women sleeping comfortably. They were snoring, talking in their sleep and didn't seem to have a care.

As the women started moving around, preparing for their day, ready to exit the shelter, they shared their thanks with me, and reminded me to stay warm and have a good day. **The last woman out, Annette, said, "I can't wait for the new shelter. I know it will feel like home. And, by the way, you are a very nice lady."**

Suddenly, relief came. At that moment I knew all was well and we were doing exactly what was needed.

We are all anticipating the opening of our newly expanded Donna Jean's Place Women's Shelter later this month. Please pray with me that it, too, is a place of refuge for women. ●



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

**Volunteer
Orientation
Friday, February 14
5:30 pm**

Come on in, take a look around,
and hear about all of our
volunteer opportunities.
Then stick around and serve
dinner with us!

RSVP:
michelle@seattlenightwatch.org

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

Amazon Wish List:

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

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

- David Aasen
Kay Franklin & Tom Mohle
Arthur & Kay Abe
Mike Abe
Chuck Beavers
Marge Beavers
Don Benson
The Benson Family
Bill Branom
Mary Branom
Neil & Mary Braun
Cathy Braun
Dutch Brown
Bill Yeend
Chauncey Burke
Susan Burke
Charley Bush
Edward & Nancy Emerson
Ginny Larkins
George Chang
Anthony Chang
Norm Chase
Charlie Knowlton
Karen Holley Creech
Gerry Holley
Joe Curtis
Robert & Roberta Brown
Robert Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Tony Domzalski
Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Pat Domzalski
Chris Graff
Norma Jean Hanson
Elsie & Gunnar Guddal
Kari Record
Marjorie Schoffen Guy
Diann Barry & Mark Guy
Jeff Hall
Ken & Lynne Hall
Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Jim & Jan Sullivan
- James Iverson
Marilyn Iverson
JC Johnson
Cherie & Mel McDonald
Dean & Hattie Kimble
Kathy & Jared Greiner
Ron Kimble
Carl & Heather Craven
Steve Lackman
Pam Kliment
Richard Lamb
Luke Larson
Howard Lee
Lay Lee
Al & Maxine Lobb
John & Jody Fenlason
Norm & Melinda Lobb
George Matsuda
Muriel Taylor
Ann Melander
Laura Brown
Scott Melander
J. Dawn Mercedes
Sandra Fisher
Albert & Velma Miller
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Elmer Molzahn
Sherianne Caldwell
Gretchen Monteith
Lee Monteith
Toshiko Okamoto
Terry & Wendy Saiki
Gene Orrico
Bette Orrico
Bud Palmberg
Anonymous
Carol Hagstrom
Cynthia Pemberton
Paul Pemberton
Robert & Nellie Porter
Bob Porter
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher

- Alan Dean Quigley
Linda Senff
Donald & Bernice Reilly
Carol Hepburn
Tyler Reynolds
Amos Shirman
Norm & Bonnie Riggins
Dave & Robin Roe
Paul Robbert
Alberto Ortiz
Leonard & Edith Root
Janet Root
Dick Shipe
Gary & Theresa Shipe
Jane Shipe
Christine Elson
John Snyppe
Dian Snyppe
Greg & Mary Speltz
Kate Speltz & Rich Gamble
Susana Stewart
Bonnie Takasugi
& Tom Stewart
David Tanaka
Anthony Chang
Doree Walters
Dan Patterson
& Debby Walters
Glenn & Shirley Weed
Carolyn Neitsch
Sheila Maureen Welch
Monica Welch
Leo Werlech
Theresa Werlech
Gary White
Lisa Connelly
Eugene White
Mary Wooldridge
Holly Boone & Pat Braus

Tributes

- Mary Liz Chaffee
Keith Chaffee-Ellis
Dana Dietz
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Cornelia Earl
Stephanie Lees
Diane
Paul & Serena Varley
Jessica Elliott
Elizabeth Kristoferson
God
Cedric Claessens
Nathan Hautala
Toni & Robert Hautala
David, Jenn & Sam Hecht
Jane Hecht
Thomas Hecht
Ron Hobson
Christina Malagon
Emily Janiszewski
Mary & Michael Brooks
Key
George Lundin
Craig Lundberg
Douglas & Nancy Latimer
Ginger MacDonald
Joshua MacDonald
My brother
Juliana Paslay
Aaron Nelson
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Donna Jean Palmberg
Carol Hagstrom
Ann Sakaguchi
Paul & Tina Miller
Marnie O'Sullivan
& John Schlosser
Alex Sera & Elaine Grenier
Rick & Lorri Reynolds
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Ashley Sherwood
Linda Hughes
Jim Simpkins
Jackson & March Chao
Daniel & Zury Smales
Alice Inouye
& Harold Rosenkrans
Erik & Carol Smales
Alice Inouye
& Harold Rosenkrans
Alex Sum, Human Rights Society
Anita Chang
Whitney & Jason
Alice Inouye
& Harold Rosenkrans
Klaus & Marcia Zech
Scott & Hilda Zimmerman

Popcorn

By Rev. Rick Reynolds, Street Minister, Executive Director Emeritus

Sometimes I see something on the street that triggers a memory from years ago. This week I noticed one of our homeless friends had a giant bag of popcorn in his shopping cart of supplies.

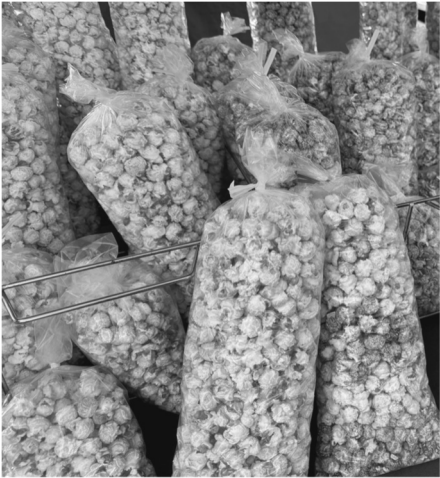
In 1995, Nightwatch was working out of an old storefront near First Avenue. I was preparing to open, when I heard the sound of glass breaking. Lots of glass. A guy looking for services had taken his walking stick and punched out the little window panes in the front of the building. Other people waiting outside chased him off by the time I came out to view the destruction.

"You guys need to let me know next time there's going to be a show," I said in a loud voice to the people standing in line.

One of the guys yelled back, "Next time there's a show, you better have some popcorn for us!" Everyone cracked up and the situation was diffused.

The next night, volunteers showed up with about 30 gallons of pre-popped theatre popcorn. They had no idea why we all thought it was hilarious timing.

I think God was winking at us. ●



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