

Nightwatch News

March, 2025

“It’s the least I could do”

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



It was one of those recent frigid nights at our Dispatch Center, when we all found ourselves grateful for anything to keep us warm. The city's cold weather shelters would soon be filled, and many would spend the night out in the cold. The dining area was packed, guests huddled at their tables, happy for the temporary respite of a hot meal and indoor heat.

"Jimmy" walked into our meal center with no shirt or jacket. He had been attacked and had lost everything. We immediately offered to see if we had

some donated items for him.

While I was returning (with a sweater and a coat!), I observed a beautiful sight. One of the other guests was approaching Jimmy and offering his own jacket. Of note, this generous man was wearing only a t-shirt and a lightweight jacket. **He was about to spend the night in the cold but was willing to give up his main layer of warmth for this brother of his, who had nothing.**

When we thanked the generous man for his offer, he simply said, "It's the least I could do..." and then returned to his dinner.

Something amazing happens when we gather and break bread. We can see each other's needs and grow together in sacrificial love.

Lord, we are inspired and overwhelmed. ●

Blessed

By Rev. Michael Cox,
Director of
Outreach Ministry

One of my great joys in life is to read Scripture to people living on the streets.

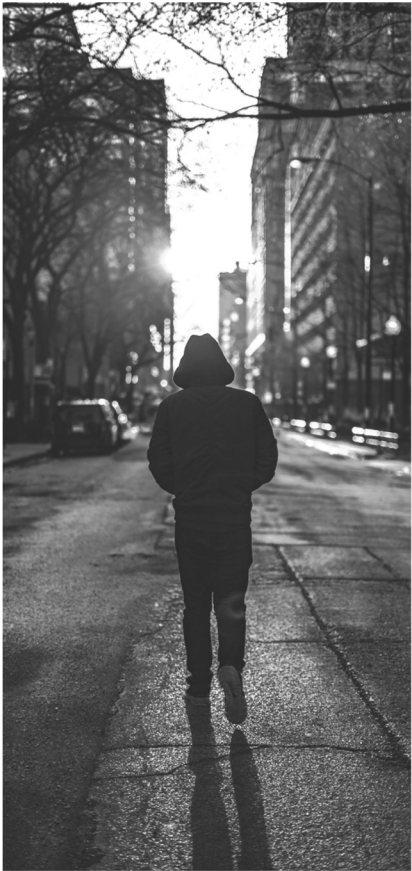
Every week, at our two community dinners, I share a Christ story from the Gospels. Each of these dinners brings together about 50 people, at locations in Capitol Hill and in the downtown corridor. Something special always happens when the words of Jesus are spoken.

Last month I read the Beatitudes, the blessings of Jesus, to a room full of people experiencing poverty, homelessness, and severe freezing weather.

When it's 32 degrees outside and you are living on the streets, hearing that Jesus blesses the poor, the humble, the meek, the hungry, the crying, and the grieving, makes hope a true reality! His words speak to you and your situation.

A hush fell over us as we listened to the promises of Jesus. That we belong to him. That we will find comfort. That we will be treated with mercy and called his children.

When I finished reading, I prayed the prayer I always pray for my friends living on the street. That no one would die outside. Life in the name of Jesus! **The entire room erupted with a hearty and unifying “Amen!”** ●



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

**Volunteer
Orientation
Friday, March 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:
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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom	Dean & Hattie Kimble	Joyce Verney
Mary Branom	Kathy & Jared Greiner	Harvey & Geri Nelson
Monica Brown	Ron Kimble	Gary White
Robert & Roberta Brown	Carl & Heather Craven	Lisa Conolley
Charley Bush	Al & Maxine Lobb	Eugene White
Ginny Larkins	John & Jody Fenlason	Mary Wooldridge
Robert Domzalski	Harry McAlister	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Diane McAlister	
Pat Domzalski	Mark McNeil	
Tony Domzalski	Robb Peterson	
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Elmer Molzahn	
Pat Domzalski	Sherianne Caldwell	
Burt Dyson	Bud Palmberg	
Bob & Kathy Roseth	Anonymous	
Shannon Eddy-Zacher	Robert & Nellie Porter	
Joy Lauderbaugh	Bob Porter	
Vicki Garrett	Dick Shipe	
Maria & Greg Van Horn	Gary & Theresa Shipe	
Chris Graff	John Carlton Smith	
Norma Jean Hanson	Elizabeth Hansen	
Barbara Jeanne Blair Johnson	John Snypp	
Jim Johnson	Dian Snypp	

Tributes

Patricia Broulette
Akane Yamaguchi
Sterlin Histurry
Ian & Lauren Ebright
Man Lung Li
Jessica Yeung
Ann Sakaguchi
Paul & Tina Miller
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Carol Spohn
Joy Lauderbaugh

Members of our community

By Marlene Poland, Housing Coordinator

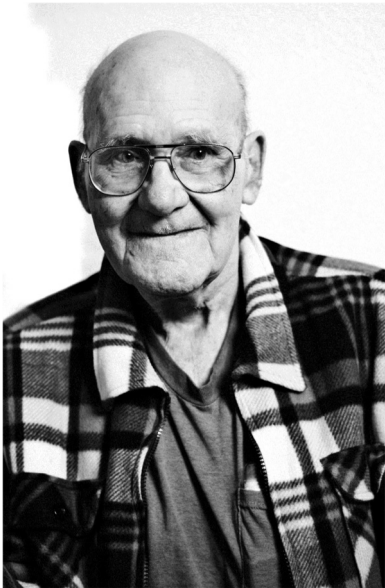
This past Saturday, I found myself making lunch with eight of the seniors that live in Senior Housing. We found ourselves laughing and reminiscing about the past as we prepared the meal.

It is hard to say exactly what path brings people to homelessness. **Our residents were all homeless, but most of them also had careers.** They were reporters, fishermen, editors, warehouse workers and accountants. This is a reminder to me that homelessness can happen to anyone, depending on life's circumstances.

“Tim” has been a resident in senior housing for over five years. He found himself homeless after being evicted from his apartment. He had no family in the area. Eventually, he found his way to one of our shelters, from where he was able to access our housing. **Now, Tim is a vibrant member of our community, and helps me with everything, from maintenance to prep work for meals.**

“John” has been with us for two years. He came from our men’s shelter, Julia’s Place. He found himself homeless after being unstably housed, although he still held a job. A rent increase forced him out of his apartment. For a while he found himself sleeping on his friend’s sofa, and then a tent behind a local Safeway. **Now that he has found our Senior Housing, John is a valued member of this community, a cheerful presence in the building.**

Without your generosity, these stories of renewal would not exist. Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated. ●



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>



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