

Nightwatch News

May, 2025

Safety, freedom, rest

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



We recently visited with "Tina" and "Bobbie", a couple of friends on the streets. **They asked for prayers for safety.** It's a common request.

I asked if they could tell me a bit more, and they quickly painted a grim picture. Assaults are a reality. "Sometimes," one of them said, "you need to jump from a moving car [to get free]."

Their request for safety reminded me that God desires for us to be free from trouble, too. "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17) Also, "Come to me... And I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Our new emergency women's shelter is providing a place for our guests to find rest and safety. Among the many who have stayed for refuge, we've helped some women who were fleeing situations of domestic violence and human trafficking. They have had a chance to stabilize, connect with our case manager, and find new resources on their path to safety and freedom.

Your generosity is saving lives. Thank you for making our work possible! ●

Meaning and purpose

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

My friend Brad thought it made sense to move out of his apartment into an RV so that he could pay down his student loans. It didn't work out.

Every few weeks he'd have to gas it up to avoid getting swept by the City of Seattle. He needed fuel to recharge the battery so it would start. Then covid hit. There was a new level of desperation.

He was laid off from work. To get unemployment meant connecting to the internet – not easy in an RV, with no functional computer. He didn't have consistent access to email, he had problems keeping his phone charged, he was often without coverage. **It was a frustrating cycle of obstacles, refusals, appeals, awards, and then finally judgments,** compounded by vigilante neighbors stabbing tires, threats from nearby business owners, mentally unstable homeless people, and the constant threat of more sweeps by the city. The net result was bitterness, along with sleeplessness, hypervigilance and paralysis.

Throughout the ordeal there were people who remained loyal friends, and Brad never gave up. Now he's been in his own place for two years. **His weekly volunteer experience with Nightwatch gave him meaning and purpose beyond simple survival.**

Thank you for making that happen through your generous support. ●



Serving the night community in the name of Christ



GiveBIG 2025
May 6th & 7th
Early giving starts April 22

Your support provides food, shelter, housing, and hope to people in need. All gifts will be matched up to \$5,000!



<https://bit.ly/GiveNW>

Volunteer Orientation
Friday, May 16
5:30 pm

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

RSVP:
michelle@seattlenightwatch.org

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Chuck Beavers	Ron Kimble	Greg & Mary Speltz
Marge Beavers	Carl & Heather Craven	H.L. & Lilly Chabra
Bill Branom	Al & Maxine Lobb	Lynn Vollert
Mary Branom	John & Jody Fenlason	Clio Thomas
Charley Bush	Dwight Matsuda	Chari & Bill Apperson
Ginny Larkins	Patti & Lance Matsuda	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Patricia Dennis	Elmer Molzahn	Carolyn Neitsch
Robert & Roberta Brown	Sherianne Caldwell	Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Robert Domzalski	John & Isa Murray	Mary Adair Welch
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	YeedeH Loh	Monica Welch
Pat Domzalski	Bud Palmberg	Gary White
Tony Domzalski	Anonymous	Lisa Connolley
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	John & Jania Nelson	Eugene White
Pat Domzalski	Robert & Nellie Porter	Mary Wooldridge
M. Jean Fisher	Bob Porter	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Carl Westphal	Mike Potts	
Bud & Trudy Forbes	Catharine Fletcher	
Chari & Bill Apperson	Dick Shipe	
Chris Graff	Mike & Sandy Birdsall	
Norma Jean Hanson	Gary & Theresa Shipe	
Eleanor Johnson	John SnypP	
Steve Santi	Dian SnypP	
Dean & Hattie Kimble		
Kathy & Jared Greiner		

Tributes

Scottie Catherine Aldeau
Maria & Greg Van Horn
Holly & Rik Anderson
Steven Eriksen
Terry Miller
Carl Westphal
Victoria Palmen
Geri & Harvey Nelson
Lorri Reynolds
Vern & Marilyn Lolley
Ann Sakaguchi
Paul & Tina Miller
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes
Judy & Desmond Smith
Joy Lauderbaugh

In search of the one By Rev. Michael Cox, Director of Outreach Ministry

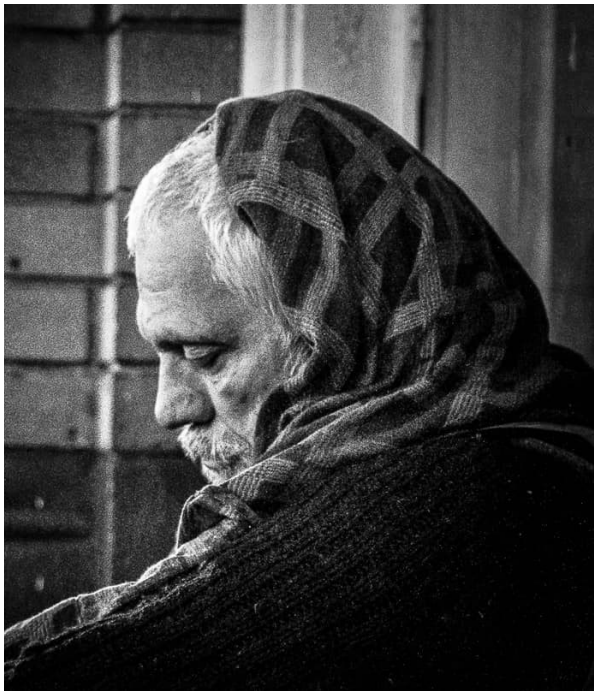
Working with homeless people has taught me about the vulnerability of God. A God who announces his kingdom under the shadow of empire, violence, and oppression while riding atop a borrowed donkey.

As I was walking to church on Sunday morning, prepared to preach, serve communion, and pray with and for the congregation, I saw my homeless friend Steven.

He was asleep in the doorway where he usually finds rest and shelter. As I approached, three middle school age boys pulled up on scooters. I had a bad feeling in my stomach, but didn't want to jump to conclusions. As I got closer, one young kid aggressively mocked and then assaulted my friend. I yelled, and they sped away. I bent down and asked Steven if he was ok and if he wanted a coffee. He said he was fine, and he would see me at church.

Steven did come to church. I preached on the Good Shepherd, and that God leaves the ninety-nine in search of the one, always rejoicing abundantly when we realize that we are deserving of being found.

Thank you for your prayers, and for caring for “the one.” ●



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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