

Nightwatch News

July, 2025

Fruitfulness

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



I was visiting with my friend "Matt" a few months ago. He survived life on the streets and is now working daily in street-based ministry. A beautiful story.

He asked me how things were going, and I told him that we've been getting lots of requests for measurable results. We have been listening too, and thanks to our case manager and Dispatch desk staff, we now have new data to track success. Matt offered a balanced response, **"Remember, it's really about fruitfulness. It's far harder to measure than results, but fruits - the small unseen changes in one's heart, often precede the measurable stuff."** Then he shared

how he encountered God's love during his afflictions. This immeasurable love eventually brought fruits of joy and healing. Even now, his faith, and God's love, continue to provide him with great peace, beyond what the world can give. It animates his daily work and allows him to show God's love to others.

What a great gift, and reminder from Matt. Fruitfulness points to God's endless love for each of us. It's sustainable. It can be fully comforting even while in the midst of our heaviest struggles.

In John 15:5, Jesus assures us that if we remain in him and he in us, "we will bear much fruit..." and Galatians 5 describes the "fruit of the spirit" in most edifying terms such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness...

Let us pray together for fruitfulness. It is often the key to bigger changes down the road, for all of us. ●

Songs for the road

By Shelley Dooley, Managing Director

Just this month, we started opening our Donna Jean's Place women's shelter at the earlier time of 7:00 pm. It took us a while to plan for both the staffing and finances to make this possible; to have our women's shelter open for two additional hours – twelve hours, rather than ten. This had been a goal for us this year. As the managing director, I am intimately involved in budgeting and hiring, and as soon as we had financial support for this change, and the staff to make it all possible, the change was made. **Now women can be in a safe space two extra hours a night, eat dinner earlier, and get more hours to rest and sleep in peace.**



I also had the pleasure of driving our Nightwatch van, full of women, to the shelter the very first night we had extended hours! The women were so excited you could feel their energy. They were talking about the ability to get two extra hours of sleep, two extra hours of safety and no rushed line-up for the showers!

The passenger in the front seat tentatively asked if she could turn the radio on. I said of course. It was one of those beautiful Seattle late spring evenings with the sun hovering over the horizon. All twelve of us burst into song as we drove down the road with the music playing. ●



Serving the night community in the name of Christ

Volunteer Orientation
Friday, July 11
5:30 pm

Come on in, take a look around, and hear about all of our volunteer opportunities. If you have time, stay and serve dinner with us!

RSVP required:
michelle@seattlenightwatch.org



Save the date!
Join us for our annual fundraising dinner
Lighting the Path
Thursday, October 16
More details to follow!

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Chuck Beavers	Howard	Robert & Nellie Porter
Marge Beavers	Kimberly Berry	Bob Porter
Bill Branom	Dean & Hattie Kimble	Mike Potts
Mary Branom	Kathy & Jared Greiner	Catharine Fletcher
Monica Brown	Ron Kimble	Dick Shipe
Robert & Roberta Brown	Carl & Heather Craven	Gary & Theresa Shipe
Charley Bush	Yukio Kumasaka	Snake River Charlie
Ginny Larkins	Steve & Chris Murphy	Sam & Toni Pace
Mary Dahlman	Frank & Elizabeth Lawler	John Snypp
Nirvana Wok	Tad Higginson	Dian Snypp
Craig Davis	Al & Maxine Lobb	Greg & Mary Speltz
Bruce Davis	John & Jody Fenlason	John Giesler
Robert Domzalski	Mark McNeil	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Robb Peterson	Carolyn Neitsch
Tony Domzalski	Elmer Molzahn	Leo Werlech
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Sherianne Caldwell	Theresa Werlech
Debra Foster	Perpetua Murray	Gary White
Debbie Lawrence	Maria & Greg VanHorn	Eugene White
Johannes Haese	Bud Palmberg	Mary Wooldridge
Bob Porter	Anonymous	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Mal & Effie Higgins	Elden Pemberton	
Linda & Mike Martin	Paul Pemberton	
David Houston	Cynthia Pemberton	
Megan Seaholm	Paul Pemberton	

Tributes

Bryan
George Lundin
Donnafaye
Greg Finger
Epiphany Parish Seattle
Elizabeth Roberts
Nathan Hautala
Toni & Robert Hautala
Kathy Henry Higbee
Sheila & Doug Bartlett
Timothy Hummel
Catherine Hummel
Kate Lamperti
Albert Lamperti
Philip Lorente
Buffalo Mazzetti
Heidi Nelson
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Joe Rettenmaier
Joy Lauderbaugh
Ann Sakaguchi
Paul & Tina Miller
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes

Passages

**By Tonette Winston,
Director of Housing &
Shelter Services and
Marlene Poland,
Housing Coordinator**

A new resident moved into our Senior Housing eleven months ago. Previously, “Earl” had been living at a local shelter for twelve years. We had regular contact with him during that time, since he was at a partner agency.

After he transitioned into Senior Housing, we became quick friends. He was a true joy to be around. **A positive presence for the other residents, he often greeted others with “good morning” and “have a good day”.** Whenever asked, he gave advice to other residents and was respectful of staff. He often said, “If you need anything I will be in my room.” He never complained about his health issues, the noise of the crowd lining up for our evening meal outside his window, or his fellow residents knocking at his door, in need of something from him.

He was a great member of our community, and now he is gone. He passed away, just recently, after a long battle with chronic respiratory issues. He will be missed by staff, and by his resident neighbors, who unmistakably relied on his presence. Earl passed with dignity, knowing that he was loved.

We are so thankful that our Senior Housing program gives our elders, like Earl, a safe place to stay as they age.

For the last eleven months he was part of a community, in many ways a family really, that cared about each other. Here he was no longer invisible. He gave so much and we are all better for having known him.

Please join us in praying for the seniors who call our Senior Housing program home. ●



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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