

Nightwatch News

September, 2025

God's love finds us

By Deacon Frank DiGirolamo, Executive Director



"Kate" approaches us and shares, "I'm sorry that I've been using." It is late in the evening on Aurora Avenue, and Kate has just asked us to pray with her. She desperately wants to hear God speak to her.

She has a timid voice. As the cars roll by on North Aurora, she stands closer so that we can hear. She holds out her hands. We ask for freedom from the noises and voices of the world.

She is distracted and asks about my "Good Shepherd" cross. I tell her it is a reminder that **Jesus seeks to find each of us when we are lost and far off**. This resonates deeply with her. "If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone

astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?" (Matthew 18:12 ESV)

Then, she realizes that we haven't been praying, "Please keep praying so that I can hear God speak good things to me."

As I continue, she is at peace in her prayers, the weight of the world has momentarily fallen away. **She is simply responding to the God who has come to find her this day**. We are just humble messengers.

Your support allows us to be present with people like Kate. Thank you. ●

Fever

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

It was a long, hot day. Folks were lined up for dinner outside Nightwatch, and I was there to chat with them. **We were all carefully watching an angry guy**. He feverishly paced back and forth in the parking strip near the building.

He was dressed in nothing but a dirty pair of jeans. He had no shirt. He was keeping up a steady stream of angry bile, but it was directed at no one in particular. He walked 40 feet in one direction, and then 40 feet back. He gave an occasional shout at nobody, his arms waving around him.

I left my place in line and stood in his path. We were on a collision course. But when he got close, the pacing stopped. He talked with me – about his father, about needing to be somewhere, about many things I could not understand. **But that simple act of quiet listening caused his fever to break**. He wandered off – not cured, but calm.

It seemed a minor victory in the moment. ●



NIGHTWATCH

Serving the night
community in the
name of Christ

LIGHTING THE PATH

SHARING THE JOURNEY

Please join us!

You are invited
to our annual
fundraising dinner

Lighting the Path

Thursday, October 16

6:30-7:30 pm

Doors open at 5:00

More details & RSVP:
seattlenightwatch.org/lighting

**Volunteer
Orientation**

Friday, Sep. 12

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

Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

Bill Branom	Mal & Effie Higgins	Robert & Nellie Porter
Mary Branom	Linda & Mike Martin	Bob Porter
Glenn Brechbiel	Dean & Hattie Kimble	Mike Potts
Vern & Marilyn Lolley	Kathy & Jared Greiner	Catharine Fletcher
Monica Brown	Ron Kimble	Maurice Santi
Robert & Roberta Brown	Carl & Heather Craven	Steve Santi
Charley Bush	Al & Maxine Lobb	Gay Selby
Ginny Larkins	John & Jody Fenlason	Joy Lauderbaugh
Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Corson	Robert & Velma McDonald	Dick Shipe
Ivy Conklin	Mel & Cherie McDonald	Gary & Theresa Shipe
Robert Domzalski	Mark McNeil	Stephen Shipe
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Robb Peterson	& Marta Pasztor
Tony Domzalski	Elmer Molzahn	Glenn & Shirley Weed
Mark & Lisa Domzalski	Sherianne Caldwell	Cynthia & Jim Weaver
Marie Erickson	Rick & Lorri Reynolds	Gary White
Judy Hurley	Mom	Eugene White
Gus Hartman	Debby Walters	Mary Wooldridge
Robert & Roberta Brown	& Dan Patterson	Holly Boone & Pat Braus
Sherman Hatch	Perpetua Murray	Klaus Zech
Jesse Hatch	Maria & Greg VanHorn	Jon & Bobbe Bridge
& Camille Adair-Hatch	Bud Palmberg	Ruth Hill
Joseph Herndon	Anonymous	Jody Potthoff
Anonymous		Rick & Lorri Reynolds

I needed to see your face

By Rev. Michael Cox,
Director of
Outreach Ministry

Jesus demonstrates who he is through the embrace and welcome of the vulnerable.

As a Street Minister, I host Community Dinners weekly. Recently, while assisting with the meal inside, a guest told me of someone crying outside.

As I walk outdoors, I see my friend "Rose," standing over her broken walker, crying. I learn she was in the hospital for five weeks; her belongings all stolen by her "friend." She sobs and shares that her only photos of her kids were taken. "Why would someone steal those from me?" As Rose sobs, we lament together about injustice and cruelty in the world. I put my arm around Rose and listen while she cries. I pray for hope, peace, and the restoration and recovery of all things lost or stolen. **Rose smiles, eyes swollen and red from tears, laughs, and tells me, she just needed to see my face.**

Suddenly, someone asks me if I can assist with wheelchair ramp access for another guest. I tell Rose I'll be right back with a meal. When I return, she is gone. **Transformed and renewed, overwhelmed by suffering and the restorative power of God's love. ●**



Tributes

Dave Kiehle
Harvey & Geri Nelson
Lilbollywoo D. Kostelykk
James Yorkston
Man Lung Li
Jessica Yeung
My friend
Jesse Primeaux
Ann Sakaguchi
Paul & Tina Miller
Andy Sell's birthday
Joy Lauderbaugh
Denny Shaw
Carol Sue Janes

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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