



"When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves." - William Arthur Ward -

Thanksgiving Dinner at 'More Than Enough' Food Pantry / Soup Kitchen

Crest Community Church

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November 20, 2011 kicked off the opening of the new soup kitchen on the island with Thanksgiving Dinner ~ thanks to the new ministry at Crest Community Church and the volunteer efforts of many kind people and of Michael Holmes (the man behind the project) who prepared 15 turkeys. Over 200 people were able to enjoy a wonderful homecooked, Thanksgiving feast.

Worship music was provided by Andy Stone, Mark Vallese, Jamie Cramer, and Andrew Reeves and Dave Landis.

The Soup Kitchen is made possible through donations, and is Open Every Monday at 4:30pm. To contribute, please call any of the numbers listed below, or send check to the church at above address, or go to www.CrestCommunity.com and click the "Donate" button.

MINISTRIES at CCC include:

- Sunday Worship
- Contemporary 9:30a • Traditional 11a
- Soup Kitchen • Sunday Worship Breakfast
- Food Pantry ~ Tuesdays 4:30-6:30
- Family Promise • Clothes, etc.
- Mike Holmes at (609) 780-6187
- Jim Stanfield at (609) 408-3602
- Amanda Holmes at (609) 846-8148

The Soup Kitchen is open every Monday from 4:30pm to 6:30pm serving the Wildwoods with the love of Jesus through many of his good and faithful people.



Jamie Cramer on Cello with Andrew Reeves



Worship Band~ Dave Landis, Andrew Reeves, Jamie Cramer, Mark Vallese and Andy Stone



Veronica & Michael Holmes and Veronica Holmes Burdsall



Anthony Giannini with Rev. Jeff Salasin of Crest Community Church who is giving thanks to God for the mighty work He is doing at Crocus & Pacific in Wildwood Crest



John Smalley, Jim Stanfield, Michael, Rob & Joe Piccoli



Bill Morey, Jr. & Lou Hemingway



Lauren McGowan, Mary Jane Nordaby, and Henry Burdsall



"You can always find the sun within yourself if you will only search." ~Maxwell Maltz

Travels with The SUN



Have The SUN, will travel? The Menichini family enjoys Christmas 2011 in St. Thomas And a Christmas dinner at Mim's. Left to Right Mark, Anthony, Matt and Karin



Wildwood natives and Wildwood High graduates, Audrey Mondelli (WHS 1968) and Carmen Mondelli (WHS 1969) took the summer SUN to Jerusalem, Israel, December 2011. Look for their high school photos inside this issue.



Travelling Bedbugs!

Pictured above are the Bedbugs costume that won some local gals a free trip at a Flip Flopz Halloween party in North Wildwood. (Below) The girls flew to Vegas this past winter. The SUN made a special appearance with Whoopie Goldberg at Madame Tussauds Wax Museum along with Kathy Savard, Laurie DeGroat, Sandy Hall and Ann Devlin at the Venetian Casino in Vegas. (Kelly Hall also helped out with their winning costume.)



A Broadway Moment with Grace Rogers



How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying

On January 21st, I had the opportunity to go to New York City with my mom, and a friend, to visit the Al Hirschfeld Theater on Broadway. The show I saw was How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, starring Glee's Darren Criss as J. Pierrepont Finch, the plucky window washer turned businessman, and Beau Bridges as J. B. Biggley, President of World Wide Wicket, a big name company in 1960's New York City.

The show starts with Finch (Criss) being lowered down onto the stage from midair, on a window washing platform. The audi-

ence then sees Finch reading a book, in the show narrated by talk show host Anderson Cooper. This book was called How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. How To Succeed became Finch's best friend and dearest companion, as he often turns to it for guidance while making his way rather smoothly and quickly up the corporate ladder. Finch eventually stumbles upon World Wide Wicket Company, where he literally bumps into the president of the company, J.B. Biggley (Bridges). Taking the opportunity to chase his dream of becoming a real business man, Finch eagerly tells Mr. Biggley that he would like to apply for a job. Appalled that Finch did not know who he was; Biggley exasperatedly walks away from Finch, setting him up with Personnel Manager, Mr. Bert Bratt (Michael Park). On his way to Mr. Bratt's office, Finch meets his nemesis, Mr. Biggley's lazy, nepotistic, arrogant nephew Bud Frump (Christopher J. Hanke). Frump and Finch instantly start to bicker, but Finch is called into Mr. Bratt's office by his secretary Smitty (Mary Faber). Diving into the future a bit, Finch has become very successful in the company. Finch marries Smitty's friend Rosemary. The show ends with a big, flashy song-and-dance number titled "Brotherhood of Man."

How To Succeed in Business was by far my favorite show that I have seen. Not only was the singing and dancing perfectly on point, the show was funny, heartwarming and overall phenomenal. The casting made it even better. Darren Criss, co-founder of the musical theater group Team StarKid, which he started when he was enrolled at Michigan State University in 2009, is one of my all-time favorite actors, my very favorite on Glee, and I felt so privileged that I was able to see him live. Beau Bridges and the rest of the cast were also great. I loved Darren's performance in the show and can only wish his successor Nick Jonas the best as he closes the show from January 24th to July 1st.

5 MILES of Smiles!



Extreme Eileen!

Eileen McGarry of North Wildwood recently traveled to Joplin, Missouri—the site of a devastating tornado that swept through the area in May, 2011. Her motivation for going was extreme, Extreme Makeover Home Edition that is. In a supposed-to-be 6 hour shift that turned into 24 straight hours at the build site, Eileen moved furniture, gardened, landscaped, painted, cleaned, and made lasting memories in and around the 7 houses under construction. These 7 homes, built in only 7 days, became the havens for 7 families greatly affected by last May's storm. A recent Master's level graduate of Sacred Heart University's Isabelle Farrington School of Education, Eileen was unable to secure a permanent teaching position. She decided to make the best of her year off and use it to travel, explore, adventure, and help as many people as possible. The trip to Joplin was her first of many adventures, later travelling to Indianapolis, Indiana to volunteer at the 2012 Super Bowl. Eileen was seen on ABC TV in January as Extreme Makeover aired their 200th episode.



"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden." ~Ruth Stout

Rockin' the Vineyard

Christmas Festival at Natali Vineyard December 10, 2011



Vineyard officials:-) Betty Marshall, and brothers Al & Rich Natali (above) and Ray Pensari & Kevin Celli (below)



Natali Vineyards supported local charity Caring for Kids of Cape May County and Coat Drive during their two free holiday events this past winter. The 3rd Annual Rock & Wine Seafood Festival was held November 12th and included live music, award-winning wines and the finest seafood and non-seafood dishes.

The Holiday Cheer Rock and Blues Festival was held December 10-11 and included unique holiday shopping, live bands, as well as their award-winning wines.



From Rea's Farm & Bakery in West Cape May, Vineyard vendors, Janis & Les Rea



From the Cape May County Chamber, Noelyn Gonzalez, Lauri Winsett & Sara Freeman



Matthew Smith parking attendant



Cailin Callahan ~ Yoga instructor, Talented Musician, Gourmet Chef, et al



Ron Hamann enjoying the fruit of the Natali vine

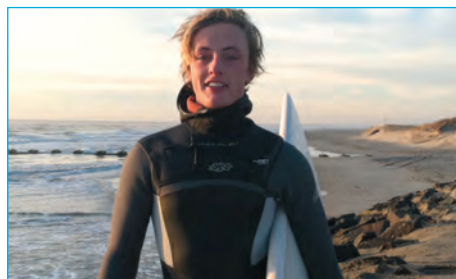


Jim Guidice's 70th birthday with good old Wildwood friends, John McDowell, Jim Guidice (in a Wildwood Police Cap), Linda Guidice and Sue Waninger McDowell.

At The SUN by-the-sea we Love to share the story of "I Met My True Love in Wildwood". . . Linda and Sue were roommates at Rider College. Sue lived in Wildwood and persuaded her roommate to come to the shore for the summer in 1963. They worked at the Atlantic Diner on the night shift. The summer cops always came in for coffee after the bars closed. Jim and Linda fell in love that summer. The couples were in each other's weddings and have been wonderful friends all these years. Jim went on to become a doctor of pulmonary medicine and a professor at UMDNJ. He was presented a basket of "Wildwood Memorabilia" for his birthday.



Crazy Lou Sabatini enjoyed his Holiday SUN on a beautiful winter morning on a new bench by-the-sea in North Wildwood



Jordan Archibald catches some winter waves



Uncle Dom Capacchione in Margherita de Savoia, Italy with The SUN



Lou & Marie Flacco dining at GIA



Fran Scully with her daughter Janet Ford with Bobby Villone enjoying good friends, and great food at Tucker's Pub



3Js Bowling Alley Staff~ Tyler Prince

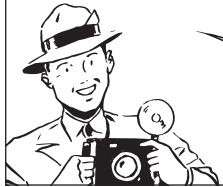


Santa & Jen Arthur at the Dennisville Christmas Historic House Tour, Dec. 17th, 2011



"Never think twice about doing something nice for someone." —From A Circle of Kindness Started by a 10 Year Old Girl

5 MILES *of Smiles!*



change
the world one
smile at
a time

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 2, 2011
HEREFORD INLET CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CER-
EMONY AND WILDWOOD JAYCEES CHRISTMAS
PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**



(L-R) Joanna Redburn, Mayor Bill Henfey, Chase, Bill, Molly, Lori, & Diane Henfey at the Hereford Inlet Light-house Christmas Tree lighting ceremony



North Wildwood Brownie Troop 42540 in the Jaycees Parade including a few original Daisies.



Pat & Paul Amenhauser enjoyed seeing Jerry & Jon Rosenberg and the Good News Players in the Tabernacle church Christmas Play.

Winter in The Wildwoods!

**DEC. 15, 2011 WILDWOOD CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY MIXER**



Angel Daniels, Ron Gelzunez, Alan & Joyce Gould at the Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer



Bud Steinbronn from Penn Jersey Paper Products with his favorite Paper:-)



Rico & Jamie Mancini of Neil's Steak & Seafood Restaurant

**DEC. 19, 2011 MORE THAN ENOUGH SOUP KITCHEN
CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER**



Sisters Grace Salasin & Joy Salasin Presley with Joy's baby 1 year old twins Viviana & Felicity. Love how the twins are holding hands ♥



Donna Jean, Christine Love, Veronica & Rich



Front center Julian, (L-R) Brittany, Zaria, Lita, Jaimie, Tanya & Delyse



Gwenn Tempest, Biker Bob & Sharon McMonagle



"Shine as stars in the world." ~Phil. 2:15

Community Christmas Dinner at Crest Community Church Soup Kitchen

December 19, 2011

"What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families"

~Isaiah 58:7, The Message version



Kitchen elves~ Veronica, Joe, Annie, Mike, Pat, and Donna Jean helped to feed over 300 delicious holiday dinners



MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BUT KEEP THE OLD!

Stevie Ballantine & Michael Holmes are good 'old' Wildwood friends. "More Than Enough" Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry at Crest Community is not only spreading joy to visitors, but is a chance for all of those who live here to get together and fellowship while serving the community. It is in giving that we truly receive.



Greeters ~ Pat, Lori, Stephanie



Kathy Clark & Michael Callahan. Miracles do happen and God does hear our prayers! Michael is healthier than ever after his long bout with Leukemia this past year. He & Kathy happily spent some winter fun on the slopes.



Clint Adams on the Bongos

5 MILES of Smiles!



"A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition."
-- William Arthur Ward



Harry & Mary DiSilvestro pose in front of their home on Easter Sunday, 1960

SENT IN BY HARRY & MARY'S DAUGHTER
BARBARA DiSILVESTRO FLACCO



Chris & Jim McMonagle at the Boardwalk Basketball Classic. Chris holds a first place trophy from his team Archbishop Ryan's win of the Bill Osborn Memorial bracket.



Snooks Bailey, a local volunteer at the Boardwalk Basketball Classic



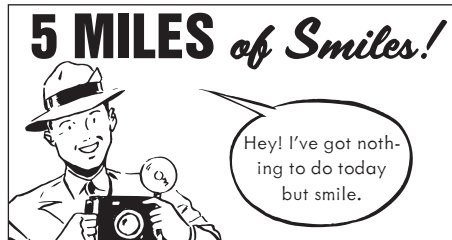
Congratulations Lauren Rucci, (daughter of Mark Rucci, of North Wildwood & LouAnn Catanoso of Townbank) who was engaged to John Foti in London on Feb 13, 2012. She was there visiting him while he was performing a show at the Barbican Theatre. John proposed to Lauren at the top of St. Paul's Cathedral in the 'Whispering Dome!' The couple and their cat Tiger live together outside Manhattan where Lauren works as a design color consultant, as well as owner/operator of her successful line of accessories, Curly Hair Conspiracy. John, a professional guitar/piano/accordion player has toured with Dan Zane's & friends, most recently the theatre group Improbable, and performs his own music as well.



On February 12, a benefit was held at the Bolero for Thomas Kane who recently had heart transplant surgery. Tom is a local resident that grew up in Wildwood. Over 300 of his friends and family came out for the event, thanks to strong effort from the committee members who worked diligently to put this event together. The proceeds from the benefit will help Tom defer the cost of his medical expenses. The Kane family would like to thank everyone that helped make this event a great success and they are forever grateful for your help.



"When I no longer thrill to the first snow of the season, I'll know I'm growing old." ~Lady Bird Johnson



Christmas in the Wildwoods!

11th Annual "Sounds of Christmas" Concert



Assumption Church Christmas Concert with Santa and the beach buddies from Hollywood Avenue, WC (L-R) Jean O'Brien, Lone Laffey, Santa, Lone Wenrich, June Barkovitch



Nick Nastasi & Carole Pantalone who have been helping to bring this exquisite Christmas event to Wildwood Crest for the past 11 years



Barbara, Xiao YuLiu & Tony Flacco



Austin & Bob Neri never miss a concert.



Claudia & Katie Von Savage



Thank you Mary, Nick Nastasi & Aurora

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2, 2011
HEREFORD INLET CHRISTMAS TREE
LIGHTING CEREMONY



The Sittineri Family enjoyed the tree lighting ceremony at the Lighthouse. L-R Mary, Nicky, Cindy, Julianna & Nick



Melanie & Sharon with Santa-baby



Mikki & Kim McMonagle made a special trip to the shore for this Christmas event

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2, 2011
WILDWOOD JAYCEES CHRISTMAS PA-
RADE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



John Lynch, Christine Mattera, Jodi DiEduardo & John Siciliano~ of the Jaycees Christmas Parade & Family Celebration held at the Wildwood Convention Center that kicks off Christmas in the Wildwoods on the first weekend of December.



Jimbo Feketics & Brad Vogdes had the privilege of driving the Underdog Queen for the Wildwood Christmas Parade. Pictured here with Wildwood Police Officer Laura Frantz



Kathy & Dee enjoyed this lovely night.



In the beautifully decorated Lighthouse Gazebo, Peter Harp entertained the crowd with his seaside maritime folk music. There was also singing by the Margaret Mace school choir and a guitarist, a bagpiper playing Christmas music, and Dolly McGee singing the national anthem.



"While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about." ~Angela Schwindt



Supper with Santa

December 4, 2011
at Cape Trinity Grade School
in North Wildwood



The Byrne Family~Tom, Julia & Angel



Katie & Joseph Jett



Ingrid, Joe, Olivia & Isabella Pasciucco



Emmy & Isabella making ornaments



Mary Sawyer and her 3 kiddies,
James, Sienna and little Lilah



Chip Watson & Louise Lloyd
with Max and Halle



Marie McFadden, Fran & Jean Feketics
and Christina Schroeter



Ravioli House Kitchen Crew: Ricky Ulrich, Steve Jakel & Big Dee



WCHS students: Chris Canyoo, Ariana Alosi, Paige Stefankiewicz, Grace Philips,
Sarah Visalli, Katie & Joseph Jett



Festive Musical Entertainment by Ryan McAteer, Pat & Tom McGuigan, and Michael Walsh