



# CROSSFIRE

Interchurch Singles Ministry  
*Connecting single adults to God and each other  
in authentic, Christ-centered community.*

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Excerpts from *Allison Richmond* "The Love of God in the Light of Valentine's Day (below)"

**"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." – 1 John 4:8**

We often think of Valentine's Day as the day for couples to show their love to one another, but rarely do we use the day to remind us of God's unmatched love for us, His children. Luckily, God doesn't leave anyone, single or in a relationship, out of His unending love and grace.

God is love itself. We wouldn't have any conception of "love" at all if it weren't for God, the definition of love.

God defines love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

God describes love in this way, and then tells us that He is love.

**God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16**

God is patient and kind. He keeps no record of wrongs. He always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. God's love is a perfect love that no one on earth could ever emulate. God is the perfect demonstration of LOVE.

So this Valentine's Day, know God loves you and **love is for singles.**

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

Love your friends and family, Love your **enemies**, **bless those who curse them**, **do good to those who hate them**, and **pray for those who persecute or mistreat them** Matthew 5 and Luke 6. **Love yourself.**

*Rhoda K. Lauer*, Director

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**"Give, and it shall be given  
unto you..." —Luke 6:38**

## **CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events—Jan-March 2026**

*Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.*

*Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.*

- ~ Saturday, Jan. 24 Hike—Wildwood Park, 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110—11 am
- ~ Saturday, Jan. 31 SOUP-ER BOWL—TMH, The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle 17015—6 pm
- ~ Saturday, Feb 7 Minute to Win It—Epiphany Lutheran Ch., 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—6:30 pm
- ~ Saturday, Feb 14 Sweet Singles Dance—DJ Terry Snyder—Silver Spring Presbyterian, - 6:30 pm  
444 Silver Spring Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- ~ Saturday, Feb 21 Bowling—Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm
- ~ Saturday, Feb 28 Dining—Squeaky Rail Diner, 505 N Enola Rd, Enola, PA 17025—4 pm
- ~ Saturday, March 7 Hike—Cove Mountain Preserve, 450 Sylan St, Marysville, PA 17053—11 am
- ~ Saturday, March 14 Dining—Walnut Bottom Diner, 936 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015— 4 pm
- ~ Saturday, March 14 BUNCO—TMH, 1155 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015—6 pm
- ~ Saturday, March 21 Movie—Graceway Church of God , 220 St Johns Church RD, Camp Hill, PA 17011—6:30 pm
- ~ Saturday, March 28 Praise and Worship—Jess and Charlie, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—6:30 pm

**Crossfire - Friday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm**

**Graceway Church of God,**

**220 St. John's Church Rd. Camp Hill, PA 17011**



Friday Nights, February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Study is a DVD series 'SPIRIT WARS' by Dr. Robert Jeffress

Supernatural weapons for defeating your unseen enemy. Dr. Jeffress with lessons on: "Satan's four favorite lies", "What demons want to do to you" and other great topics.

Come join Crossfire on Friday evenings. We'll have a time of fellowship and some great discussions.

Call Barb to sign up at 717 732-4423 (leave your name and number in case we have to cancel.)

## SOUP-ER BOWL –

**Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026 6:00 pm**

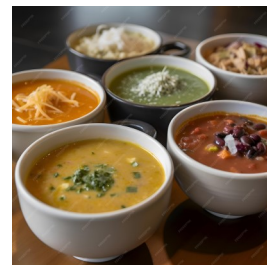
**The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015**

The soup competition is set – 8 contestants will vie for your vote, they are doing their best to bring you a delicious soup to delight your taste buds. All are different. Bread and salad sides to complete your dinner.

Cost to attend \$12.50, but bring extra \$, after everyone has eaten, the leftovers will be sold. For best choice, you can bid to purchase your favorite soup(s).

Good opportunity to get homemade soup for your 2/8/26 Super Bowl party.

Please register to let us know how many will be attending – on [cfire.org](http://cfire.org), under events, by calling 717-545-0005, or texting Rhoda at 717-269-3750..



## Minute to Win it –Saturday,

**Feb. 7, 2026 - 6:30 pm**

**Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112**

Teams will be formed and everyone will have an opportunity to compete in an event. Contests could include stacking pennies, blowing balloons, tossing ping pong balls, drawing or coloring, team relay.

Requested donation \$6. Passport—Free. Snacks and drinks to share are welcomed.

Register on [cfire.org](http://cfire.org) under events or you can call Crossfire 717-545-0005 and leave a message, or text Rhoda at 717-269-3750 to let us know you plan to attend.

Winner—Patti Fisher was the first to identify the individuals in the picture. Look at the picture closely to see Crossfire's own Sue M, Sharon M, and Patti F playing the game.



## Sweet Singles Dance

**Saturday, February 14, 2026 –6:30 pm**

**Silver Springs Presbyterian Church,  
444 Silver Spring Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

Visit friends you have known and new friends you will meet.

DJ Terry will be playing old and new favorites for all types of dancing.

Crossfire alumni are welcome. Please bring something sweet, or a snack or drink to share.

Donation to Crossfire \$15 at the door or \$12.50 if received by February 7, 2026. Passport – FREE

You can register through [cfire.org](http://cfire.org) under events, or call 717-545-0005 and leave a message.

For information, text Rhoda 717-269-3750, or call 717-545-0005 and leave a message.



## Bowling at Trindle Bowl

**Saturday – February 21, 2026 - 4:00 pm**  
**4695 E Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**



Come in from the cold weather and bowl with Crossfire friends.

We'll be bowling two games for \$8.00 with FREE shoe rentals. Pay Barb \$8.00 cash for bowling when you arrive at the lanes. After bowling we'll go out to fellowship at a local restaurant.

Register ahead with Barb at 717-732-4423 to insure space for you at bowling and the restaurant. (When calling please leave your name and phone number in case we have to cancel).



**Saturday, Feb 28 – 4 pm**  
**Dining - Squeaky Rail Diner**



**Squeaky Rail Diner,**  
**505 N Enola Rd, Enola, PA 17025**

Enjoy socializing and eating good food.

Please register at <https://cfire.org/events>, call 717-545-0005 to leave a message, or text Rhoda 717-269-3750.



**Saturday, March 7, Hiking—11 am**  
**Cove Mountain Preserve**

**Parking - 450 Sylan St, Marysville, PA 17053**



2.9 miles, 698 ft of elevation gain, part of trails very rocky, estimated time 3 hours

Hiking the pink and yellow trails along Kittantiny Ridge through Hamer Woodlands at Cove Mountain. Scenic views of Susquehanna River, Rockville Bridge, and the Statue of Liberty.

Register on [cfire.org](https://cfire.org) under events or you can call Crossfire 717-545-0005 and leave a message, or text Rhoda at 717-269-3750 to let us know you plan to attend.





## **Saturday, March 14 – Dinner then Bunco Night**

**Walnut Bottom Family Diner,  
936 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 4 pm**

**The Meeting House,  
1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 – 5:45 pm**



Join Crossfire friends for a double the fun. We will gather for dinner at the Walnut Bottom Diner at 4 pm .  
BUNCO at 6 pm at The Meeting House.

Bunco donation \$5, Passport subscribers Free. Count is needed for both events.

Register on cfire.org under events or you can call Crossfire 717-545-0005 and leave a message, or text Rhoda at 717-269-3750 to let us know you plan to attend.

## **Saturday, March 21 – Movie “The Second Chance” 6:30 pm**

**Graceway Church of God, 220 St. John’s Church Rd. Camp Hill, PA 17011**

Join Crossfire Friends for a time of fellowship and watching a great movie.

“The Second Chance” same Faith, same City, different Worlds.



Whether you’re a believer or not, you can’t help but be moved by this film. Michael W. Smith plays a suburban pastor who is forced to confront his own prejudices in this uplifting story of faith and redemption.

So come join us at Graceway Church of God. Barb will be hosting this Crossfire activity. Please register by calling (717) 732-4423 please leave your name and phone number to make sure we have enough seating for everyone. (Thank You).

## **Saturday, March 28 – Praise and Worship—6:30 pm, Music 7 pm**

**Epiphany Lutheran Church Social Hall,  
1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 1712**

**Music—Jessica and Charlie Grimes**



Please bring a dessert to share or snack or drink. Requested Crossfire donation \$3.

**Offering taken for Jess and Charlie**

Program may remind you of past Community nights, with dessert and snacks in place of full meal. Come and be blessed by enjoying the music, be ready to participate and be inspired.

You can call Crossfire 717-545-0005 and leave a message or text 717-269-3750.

RSVP is not required but will help us prepare seating for everyone.

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We listened to your feedback and made some great improvements:

**Event Search:** Easily find events on our website [www.cfire.org](http://www.cfire.org) – just take a look and see.

**Easy Registration:** Want to register for an event? Head over to the Events section for a seamless registration process.

**Quick Donations:** Donating to Crossfire is now faster than ever. Find the donation button under Support to send your contributions with ease.

**Accessible Newsletters:** You asked for access to our newsletters online. Now, you can browse through several months of newsletters for your reference.

Thank you for helping us enhance your experience on Cfire.org!!

**We would love to hear your input for events. Send your ideas to [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org). Thank you, Pastor Dave**

## **Crossfire Passport**

When you support CROSSFIRE as a PassPort member, you get FREE admission to all CROSSFIRE events hosted & priced by the ministry, and a FREE newsletter mailing each month.

Receive a Passport Card when you fill out a form pledging to donate a minimum of \$25 per month (minimum of \$300 per year).

Donate on website and note Passport, or Email: [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org).