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

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Celebrate Freedom

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

— Galatians 5:1 (NIV)



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

JULY is the month when we pause to celebrate our freedom and independence. I wrote this article just two days after we honored the brave men and women whose sacrifices helped secure those liberties. But the story of sacrifice reaches even further back. Many early settlers, left comfort behind to make the dangerous journey so they could live freely, knowing that freedom would demand perseverance and hard work.

God also made the ultimate sacrifice by willingly dying on a cross for our freedom. The Bible shows us that freedom is important.

- **Galatians 5:1:** "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (NIV)
- **John 8:36:** "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (NIV)
- **2 Corinthians 3:17:** "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (NIV)
- **Galatians 5:13:** "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (NIV)
- **Romans 6:22:** "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." (NIV)
- **Psalms 119:45:** "I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts." (NIV) [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)]

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CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events-July– Sept 7 2026

Event, dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.

Saturday, June 27	Dining—Bakers Diner, 515 N US 15, Dillsburg, PA 17019—5:30 pm
Saturday, July 4	Picnic, New Cumberland Park, 517 Front St, New Cumberland, PA 17070— 12
Saturday, July 11	Kayaking, Memorial Lake, Ft IG, Middle Rd, Grantville, PA 17028—10:30am
Saturday, July 18	Bowling, Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm
Saturday, July 25	Hike—Chickies Rock, 880 Chickies Hill Rd, Columbia, PA 17512—9:30 am
Saturday, Aug 1	Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—12:15 pm
Friday, Aug 8	Walk ferry ride, Riverfront Park, 92 Keystone St, Millersburg, PA 17061-9:30 am
Saturday, Aug 15	Hot dogs, games, New Cumberland Park, 517 Front St, New Cumberland—6:30 pm
Friday, Aug 21	Dickinson Family Restaurant, 670 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013—6:30 pm
Saturday, Aug 29	Nature scavenger hunt, , 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg 17110—10 am
Monday, Sept 7	Picnic—Adams-Ricci Park, 100 E Penn Dr, Enola, PA 17025—12 pm

**All Crossfire events are completely alcohol free
to ensure a safe, comfortable environment for everyone.**

Freedom — continued from front page

The Bible makes it clear that spiritual freedom is never a license to do whatever we please. True freedom carries the responsibility to live in a way that honors Christ and builds up others.

☐ **Galatians 5:13** “You were called to be free... serve one another humbly in love.”

☐ **1 Corinthians 8:9** Believers are urged to be careful that their freedom does not become a stumbling block to those who are weaker in faith.

The **Crossfire Code of Conduct** (pg 5) for all events was created with these principles in mind.

How can you honor your freedom today? Write a note to Crossfire and let us know. We may include your comments in a future newsletter.

Rhoda K. Lauer, Director

July 4, 2026 – Picnic – New Cumberland Park – 12 noon

517 Front St, New Cumberland, PA 17070



Bring your own lawn chair for comfortable seating in the shade of giant trees.

Chicken and hot dogs with all the fix-ins and water will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share.

Cost is \$12.50 per person, children 12 and under \$7. Passport – FREE.

PLEASE REGISTER at Cfire.org or leave a message at 717-545-0005, or text 717-269-3750 by Monday, June 30th so there will be food for everyone.

July 11, 2026 - Kayaking—Memorial Lake – 11 am

Memorial Lake State Park, Ft Indiantown Gap, PA 17028



Rent a kayak from Cocoa Kayak Rentals \$22.75 per hour or bring your own permitted kayak or boat.

<https://cocoakayak.com/memorial-lake-state-park-rentals/>

Bring a picnic lunch to eat under the trees after kayaking.

Directions: From Route 81 North, take exit 85B to PA 934 North, continue onto Fisher Ave. Turn left onto Asher Miner Road, Turn left onto Boundary Road, Turn left onto Middle Road.

Please register at Cfire.org, text Rhoda 717-269-3750 or leave a message at 717-545-0005.

Saturday – July 18, 2026 - Bowling - 4:00 pm

4695 E Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



Come and join Crossfire friends bowling. We will bowl 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.

Please Register by calling Barb at 717-732-4423 so she can reserve enough bowling lanes and seats at the restaurant. (When calling please leave your name & phone number)

Saturday, July 25 - Hiking – Chickies Rock Overlook Trail – 9:30 am

880 Chickies Hill Road, Columbia, PA 17512 - Parking lot along Route 441.

Hike is easy, slightly rocky and with some incline. Anyone who hikes will not have a problem. You can bring hiking poles.

Highlights include great views of the river and easy access.

Please register if you plan to attend on cfire.org or text 717-269-3750 or leave a message at 717-545-0005.





Service Project at Mission Central

Saturday, August - 1 – 12:15 2:30 pm

5 Pleasant View Drive Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.



Serve with Crossfire at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg.

Some volunteers will be able to sit, others may work in the warehouse.

Please call Barb at 717-732-4423 and leave your name and phone number to sign up for this service activity.



Walk in the park—Ride the Roaring Bull Ferry

Saturday, Aug 8, 2026 – 9:30 am

Meet at Riverfront Park, 92 Keystone St, Millersburg, PA 17061



Walk on level ground, enjoying the views along the River, across the swinging bridge to MYO Park.

After a refreshing walk, we will take a leisurely ride on the Millersburg Ferry across the River and back, **subject to Ferry schedule**. Round-trip ticket \$10.

Please register on cfire.org under events, or leave a message at 717-545-0005 or text 717-269-3750 for more information.



Hot Dogs, Games—New Cumberland Park

Saturday, Aug 15, 2026 – 6:30 pm

517 Front St, New Cumberland, PA 17070

Enjoy a pleasant summer evening picnic under giant shade trees.

Please bring - a side dish or drink, -and your favorite game to share, lawn chairs optional .

Cost \$7.50 donation, Passport = free.

Please register on cfire.org under events, or leave a message at 717-545-0005 or text 717-269-3750 for more information.



Dining—Dickinson Family Restaurant

Friday, Aug 21, 2026—6:30 pm

670 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013



Delicious and plentiful food with reasonable prices and generous portions.

Please register on cfire.org under events, or leave a message at 717-545-0005 or text 717-269-3750 to reserve your seat.

Nature scavenger hunt – Wildwood Park

Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026 - 10 am

100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110



Use your cell phone to snap pictures of each object as you find it.

Meet in front of the Nature Center.

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

Picnic—Labor Day—September 7, Adams-Ricci Park, Details next month.

Crossfire Code of Conduct for all events *In summary:*

Do

- Act in Christian love.
- Show respect through humility, grace, kindness, and forgiveness.
- Be mindful not to lead others into temptation or sin.

Don't

- Do not speak negatively about others or use inappropriate language.
- Alcoholic beverages and any illegal activities are not permitted at Crossfire events.
- Religious or political arguments are not appropriate in any Crossfire setting.
- Any form of harassment, including sexual or unwelcome advances, is strictly prohibited.

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Cfire.org —Current information

We listened to your feedback and made some great improvements:

Event Search: Easily find events on our website 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 “Donate” 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!!

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