



# CROSSFIRE

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

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Love seems to be the theme God keeps placing before me in 2026.

And honestly, I believe remembering to love has never been more important than it is right now.

Scripture repeats this command so often that we can't miss it: **LOVE**. From Leviticus 19:18 — “*Love your neighbor as yourself*” — to the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and echoed again in Galatians 5:14 — “*Love the Lord your God... and love your neighbor as yourself.*” Jesus Himself said these two commands are the greatest of all.

But what does Christian love look like in everyday life? It doesn't have to be dramatic or complicated. Sometimes love is as simple as a warm smile and a “good morning.” Sometimes it's praying for someone who comes to mind. Sometimes it's shoveling snow, offering a ride, or lending a hand when help is needed. Love is often quiet, steady, and practical.

One beautiful example among us is **Barb E.** For many years she has poured love into singles through her service to Crossfire. She faithfully visits those in nursing homes, brings meals to many, teaches in church as well as in Crossfire Bible studies, and prays diligently for those who need it. If Barb has touched your life in some way, take a moment to thank her when you see her. Her life is a living testimony of what love looks like in action.

Some of you may not be able to help physically, but every one of us can pray. And prayer is one of the most powerful expressions of love we can offer.

Love is our calling. Love is our witness. Love is our legacy. May we live it well.

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is funded by  
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DONATIONS.**

**“Give, and it shall be  
given unto you...”**

**Luke 6:38**

This month, you'll find a letter inviting you to give make a donation. Your support keeps this newsletter going and helps Crossfire continue serving singles—just as it has for decades, and, Lord willing, for another 50 years.

Take a look at the number of singles who have participated in Crossfire activities from January through May 2. That's only the first four months of 2026, and already God is moving in meaningful ways. Hoping some of you can help and show your love by giving to support Crossfire.

*Rhoda K. Lauer*, Director

## **CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events-May—July 2026**

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

*Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.*

Saturday, May 25	Memorial Day Picnic, Epiphany, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—12 noon
Friday, May 29	Bible study—Graceway Church of God, 220 St John's Ch Rd, Camp Hill 17011— 6:30 pm
Saturday, May 30	Bike—Hike—Lebanon Rail Trail, Cornwall, PA 17042—11 am
Friday, June 5	Bible study—Graceway Church of God, 220 St John's Ch Rd, Camp Hill 17011— 6:30 pm
Saturday, June 6	Handbell Festival, Tabernacle, Third St & Glossbrenner Ave, Mt Gretna 17064—7 pm
Saturday, June 13	Mini-Golf—Carlisle Sports Emporium, 29 S Middlesex Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015—4 pm
Saturday, June 20	Knoebels Amusement Park, 391 Knoebels Blvd, Rt 487, Elysburg, PA 17824—11:30 am
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 noon
Saturday, July 11	Kayaking, Memorial Lake, Ft Indiantown Gap, 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—Service, 5 Pleasant View Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—12:15 pm

**Friday nights – May 29th and June 5th - 6:30**

**Crossfire's Bible Study 'The Full Armor of God' –**



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

This is DVD series by Dr. Robert Jeffress Dr. Jeffress helps us be equipped for Spiritual battle by teaching from Ephesians 6:10-15, putting on the Full Armor of God. Come join Crossfire on Friday evenings. Bring a friend; we'll have a time of fellowship and some great discussions.

Please call Barb to sign up at 717 732-4423 and leave your name and number.

## CROSSFIRE SINGLES MINISTRY



**Crossfire is inviting contributions to help keep this ministry for Christian singles strong and thriving.**

Over the years, Crossfire has made a meaningful impact—encouraging countless singles in their walk with Christ and even helping some go on to become pastors and ministry leaders. We would love to hear your story and how Crossfire has influenced your life.

### **Why does Crossfire need contributions?**

- Event fees are intentionally kept low and are designed only to cover the direct cost of each activity. Very little surplus is built in.
- From January through May 2, 2026, Crossfire events welcomed **506 attendees**. Some participants were unable to pay, some contributed what they could, and others were covered by friends who wanted to help.
- Your donations help cover essential outreach and operational expenses—our website, phone, Meetup platform, newsletters to churches, insurance, and space for administrative work and storage.

### **Crossfire events include:**

- Bible studies
- Christian movies and video -based Bible studies
- Social activities—games, hikes, dinners, dances, and more
- Special programs such as *Surviving the Holidays* (GriefShare) and DivorceCare
- Outreach efforts to help singles discover Christ-centered programs and support

If you're able, would you consider giving a little extra this year to support the work Crossfire continues to do? If God has used this ministry to bless you, this is a wonderful opportunity to show your appreciation. *Love Thy Neighbor.*

CROSSFIRE SINGLES MINISTRY

**Newsletter Renewal**

It's time to renew your Crossfire newsletter subscription for another year. If you'd like to continue receiving the monthly newsletter in your mailbox, please send your **\$15 renewal** today. **Your donations are greatly appreciated!!!**

**Ways you can participate:**

- 1. **Pray:** Lift up our singles ministry in prayer. Pray for wisdom, unity, and continued growth.
- 2. **Volunteer:** Many hands make light work. As we all work together, we grow together.
- 3. **Spread the Word:** Share this appeal with fellow church members, friends, and family. Let's rally together to support our singles.

Show your love for others today. Your generosity ensures that our Christian Singles Ministry thrives, touching hearts and transforming lives.

*Rhoda K. Lauver, Director*

DONATION Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ \$15 - Keep newsletters coming. \_\_\_ I cannot give, please send newsletters.

\$\_\_\_ Contribution to keep Crossfire going and growing.

\_\_\_ Please add me to emails \_\_\_\_\_

Crossfire Passport – monthly newsletter – free admission to Crossfire events.

Passport \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 per month \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 – One year \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Quarterly

**How can I get involved with the Christian Singles Ministry? Call, email, or write**

CROSSFIRE 1100 Colonial Road Harrisburg, PA 17112

Phone: 717-545-0005

Email: info@cfire.org

**August 1 – Mission Central – Service Project – 12:15 – 2:30 pm**

Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Drive Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.



Serve with Crossfire at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. Mission Central packs and ships needed supplies to flood, earthquake, and fire areas (people who have lost their homes, etc.). We will get a tour of the facility. We will pack light supplies; 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.

**Memorial Day Picnic,**

**Monday, May 25, 2026 - 12:00 noon**

Epiphany Lutheran Church pavilion and Crossfire office,  
1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Start the Summer by joining your friends at Crossfire Memorial Day Picnic. Bring friends and Family, including children. Alumni welcome.

Open grassy area provides perfect space for lawn games of croquet and more. Picnic tables are perfect for card games, board games, brain teasers, and group games.

Fried chicken and hot dogs with all the fix-ins, water and iced tea and place settings will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Cost is \$12.50 per person, children 12 and under \$6.

PLEASE REGISTER on CFIRE.ORG or call and leave a message at 717 545-0005, text Rhoda at 717-269-3750. We need a head count to get enough food for everyone.



**Saturday, May 30, 2026 – Bike ride/ walk Rail Trail - 11 am**

**Lebanon Valley Rail-Trail, Cornwall, PA 17042**

Meet at the root beer barrel, along route 419, near intersection of Boyd St, and Cornwall Rd.



Trail surfaces of asphalt and crushed stone, trail passes through woodlands, scenic fields. Ride or walk as much or as little as you prefer. Bring your bike or walking shoes, your own water and snacks for the ride or walk. Make sure your tires have air before you arrive. Jeff Waybright, may be able to assist with bike emergencies along the trail.

Tickets for nearby historic Cornwall Iron Furnace will be available by donation to Crossfire.

Register on cfire.org under events or 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, June 6 – Handbell Festival - 7 pm,



Tabernacle - Third St & Glossbrenner Ave, Mt Gretna, PA 17064

Dining—Jigger Shop 202 Gettysburg Ave. Mt Gretna, PA 17064– 5 pm

Parking at Mt. Gretna Fire Co. Handicapped Parking at Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church Parking Lot. Parking for Jigger Shop in same parking lot as Gretna Theater.

Historic open air tabernacle in the scenic Chautauqua town of Mt. Gretna. Dress for outdoor weather.

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

## Saturday, June 13 – Mini-Golf - 4:00 pm

Carlisle Sports Emporium, 29 S Middlesex Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015



Join your Crossfire friends for a fun evening of playing mini golf. There are 2 mini-Golf courses to pick from.

The Cost is \$12.00 per person for playing one game of mini-golf. Call **Barb at (717) 732-4423 to sign up for this event.** Please leave your Name and Phone Number in case we have to cancel due to weather.

## Saturday, June 20 – Knoebels Amusement Park – 11:30 am

391 Knoebels Blvd, Route 487 Elysburg, PA 17824



Ride all day passes are available online. Ticket books are available if you plan to ride only a few rides. Or come enjoy the fun and good food and entertainment while watching your friends ride. **Free admission, free parking.**

Who dares to ride the many roller coasters, get wet on the Giant Flume, see the wildlife from the train, or catch the brass ring on the Carousel?

Meet Crossfire friends on Knoebels Boulevard, past Security, near the restrooms.

**Please register before June 20 if you plan to attend - register on [cfire.org](http://cfire.org), or leave a message at 717-545-0005 or text 717-269-3750**

## Saturday, June 27 - Dining – Bakers Diner, Dillsburg – 5:30

Baker's Diner, 515 N U.S. 15, Dillsburg, PA 17019



Back again for another year. Return to an old favorite or try a new restaurant, either way you will enjoy socializing and eating good food.

Please register on [Cfire.org](http://Cfire.org) under events, call 717-545-0005 and leave a message, or text Rhoda 717-269-3750.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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](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

## 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 mail a check or Email: [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org) for information.