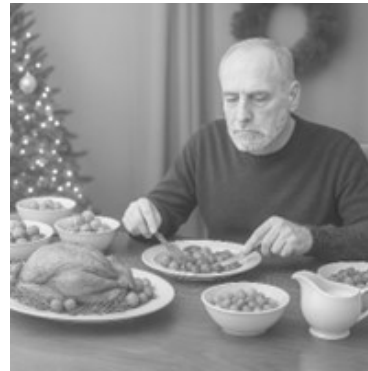




# CROSSFIRE

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

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Beautiful picture, some of us may be fortunate to experience - a happy holiday scene with loving family and friends this holiday season with plenty of food. Others, both singles and non-singles may need to be blessed by a gift of food from others, and some of us may not want for food, but long for others to share with.

Which category fits you this holiday season. Have you been blessed financially and able to share with others? Are you blessed with great family and friends? Do you long for friends to share happy and sad moments?

We ask for your help! Can you make a donation to your local food pantry to provide food for others?

Crossfire's mission to 'Connect single adults to God and each other in Christ centered community.' Your gifts this year will help Crossfire continue its mission of reaching out to singles and providing opportunities for connection to other singles.

I find it is truly a blessing to be able to do even a very small act of kindness to bless others.

May you be blessed this holiday season and all year!

*Rhoda K. Lanner*, Director

**"REMEMBER THE WORDS THE LORD JESUS HIMSELF SAID:**

**'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.' " Acts 20:35b**

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is funded by  
YOUR  
DONATIONS.**

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

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

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

*Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.*

- Saturday, Nov 29 Thanksgiving Potluck and games—, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg 17112 —5:30 pm
- Friday, Dec 5 Dining—Brownstone Café, 1 N Union St, Middletown, PA 17057—6 pm
- Saturday, Dec 13 Dance DJ Terry, Young's Church, 7075 Wertzville Rd, Mechanicsburg 17050—6:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec 20 Bowling—Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm
- Saturday, Dec 27 Trivia and Pizza, Epiphany Lutheran Ch, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112 —6 pm
- Saturday, Jan 3 Chocolate World Tour, 101 Chocolate World Way, Hershey, PA 17033—11 am
- Saturday, Jan. 10 Mystery event
- Saturday, Jan. 17 BUNCO, - The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle 17015—6 pm
- 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

## **Christmas Dance –Cookie share**

**Saturday, December 13, 2025 –6:30 pm** doors open 6 pm

**Youngs Church, 7075 Wertzville Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**



Share your homemade cookies and sample other varieties.

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 some homemade cookies, a snack or drink to share.

Donation to Crossfire \$15 at the door or \$12.50 if received by December 6, 2025. **Passport – FREE**

**Optional – Bring donations to support the less fortunate, suggested – gloves, socks, hats, blankets.** Donations will be given to a charity in our area.

**You can register through [cfire.org](http://cfire.org) under events.**

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

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## SINGLES MINISTRY



I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to celebrate Christmas and the birth of our Savior. Gifts bring joy to the recipient, connection and even more joy to the giver.

The last appeal letter of 2025 is different this year. Will you please consider making two contributions. Yes, your contributions keep Crossfire going to continue planning and holding events to bless you and other singles. This year, even more than other years, food banks are in need of your contributions to continue to feed the hungry and to restock the shelves recently depleted by the unusual demand for food.

Crossfire has been committed to single's ministry for 47 years. Through the generous gifts of supporters like you, Crossfire will continue to provide opportunities for singles to connect to God and each other.

The amounts charged to attend events are set to cover the costs specific to that event, with only a little extra to cover other costs. Your donation to Crossfire is requested to cover costs of outreach – website, phone, meetup, newsletters to churches; insurance; space for events, meetings, and storage. At this time all the work of Crossfire is done by volunteers.

Crossfire offers reduced cost access to events provided by Crossfire, upon request.

Crossfire needs contributions to continue to provide services to singles.

- Bible studies
  - Christian movies and video Bible studies,
  - Social activities — games, hikes, dinners and more,
  - Special programs – Surviving the Holidays from Grief Share/Divorce Care,
- Outreach to let singles know about programs and services for singles from Christian perspective.

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## If you have already sent your contribution to Crossfire, Thank You.

Thank you for your generosity and belief in Crossfire mission. Your support is the greatest gift we could ask for.

May you be blessed this holiday season and all year

Warm regards,



Rhoda K. Lauver, Director and The Crossfire Team

### DONATION

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Keep Crossfire newsletters coming to me. (If you have already paid this year, Thank you.)

### I would like to pay for Crossfire Passport \*\*\*

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

### \*\*\*2025 Passport special-

Sign up for Passport now and attend events now through the end of 2026 for the One year price.

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## Crossfire PASSPORT

Support CROSSFIRE as a PASSPORT member, for:

- FREE admission to all CROSSFIRE events hosted & priced by Crossfire ministry, and a FREE newsletter mailed 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).

### \*\*\*2025 Year-End PASSPORT Special!\*\*\*

Secure your Passport and enjoy unlimited access to events for the rest of 2025 AND all of 2026.

Sign up now to get these 2025 highlights included and all Crossfire priced events in 2026:

- Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
- Christmas Dance
- Trivia & Pizza Night
- All dances
- Picnics
- Game Nights
- And More!

### How to Donate:

- At any event
- Online at <https://cfire.org> (mention *PASSPORT*)
- Or email us at [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org).



December challenge—Can you find a picture of someone you know in this newsletter? Be the first to correctly answer the occasion and or the first person to correctly identify all the people in the picture or be the first to give the most correct answers.

## Thanksgiving Potluck and Games

**Saturday, November 29, 2025 – 5:30 pm**

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



Bring your leftovers or non-leftover food to share for a potluck dinner.  
Bring your own game(s) or play Pictionary, Skip-bo, Mille-Borne, Dutch Blitz.

Suggested donation \$5, Passport - Free

Please register on [Cfire.org](https://cfire.org) under events or leave a phone message at 717-545-0005 or text 717-269-3750.



## Friday, Dec 5 – Dining – Brownstone Cafe – 6 pm

**Brownstone Cafe, 1 N Union St, Middletown, PA 17057**



Interesting atmosphere in a former bank – the vault is still there. Best view from second floor balcony. Enjoy socializing and eating good food.

When you respond, please let me know if you will be able to climb stairs to second floor, we can also plan our dinner on the first floor,

Please register on Cfire.org under events, email [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org), or call 717-545-0005 and leave a message on MagicJack, or text Rhoda 717-269-3750.

## Christmas Dance – Cookie Share -

**Saturday, December 13, 2025 –6:30 pm – doors open 6 pm**

Youngs Methodist Church, 7075 Wertzville Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

See page 2 for details.



## Bowling at Trindle Bowl

**Saturday – December 20, 2025 - 4:00 pm**

**4695 E Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**



Let's get out of the cold and spend time with Crossfire friends bowling.

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, please leave your name and phone number in case we have to cancel.

## Saturday, December 27, 2025, Pizza and TRIVIA, 6:00 pm

**Epiphany Lutheran social hall, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112**

**Suggested donation \$12.50 Wear your 'ugly' Christmas sweater.**

**Bring a \$5 Christmas ornament for ornament exchange.**

Form teams for a trivia competition - can your team win. Carrom boards will be available.

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 and your pizza preference.



**Saturday, January 3, 2026 – Chocolate World Tour Ride – 11 am**

**HERSHEY'S Chocolate Tour Ride – No charge for tour ride or parking**

Hop into a themed car for a **factory tour** that begins in farmlands, winds through a warm cocoa bean roaster, and ends with thousands of candies twisting and turning on conveyor belts. This beloved tradition that tells the story of HERSHEY'S Chocolate – and also **inspired the very construction of HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE WORLD** – is still free. It's also available from open to close daily and finishes with a free sweet Hershey's sample for every rider.

Register on [cfire.org](http://cfire.org) under events or you can call Crossfire 717-545-00005 and leave a message, or text Rhoda at 717-269-3750 to let us know you plan to attend.



**Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026—Mystery Event**  
**Details coming soon.**

**Saturday, Jan 17, 2026 – B U N C O ! ! ! – 6 pm**

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

BUNCO is a fun-filled, get to know everyone night.

Bring your single friends. Don't be late and miss the first game, you are welcome at 5:30 pm.

Bring \$5.00 and a dish, snack, or drink to share and your smile.

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



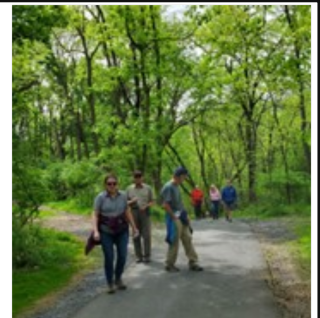
**Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026 – Hike – Wildwood Park – Lake - 11 am**

Wildwood Park, Lake, Nature Center, 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Meet in front of the Nature Center. Dogs allowed.

Please dress for the weather.

Register on [cfire.org](http://cfire.org) under events or you can call Crossfire 717-545-00005 and leave a message, or text Rhoda at 717-269-3750 to let us know you plan to attend.



**Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026 - Soup-er Bowl – 6:00 pm**

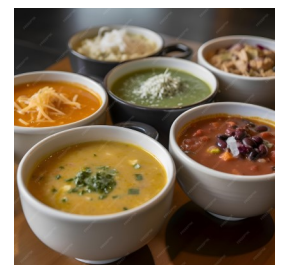
**The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015**

Get your favorite homemade soup recipe ready for competition!

The first 8 people to REGISTER TO BRING A HOMEMADE SOUP will compete for top prize and bragging rights. Everyone who attends will get to sample all the soups for dinner and vote for favorite soup of the evening. Salad and bread will be provided

Cost to attend \$12.50, first 8 to register and bring soup, or 1 salad, or 1 bread will pay \$6.25.

All competitors, please register on [cfire.org](http://cfire.org) or text Rhoda at 717-269-3750 or call and leave a message at 717-545-0005 to let us know if you are entering the competition and the soup you are bringing.



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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 – 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

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