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Interchurch Singles Ministry

Connecting single adults to God and each other in Christ-centered community.

CROSSFIRE Interchurch Singles Ministry Monthly Newsletter, Volume 49, Issue 11, November 2026



November is known best for Thanksgiving, in other words – showing appreciation. Showing appreciation is a powerful way to reflect God's love to both Him and the people around us.

Showing appreciation to others who have made your life better is active display of thanksgiving.

First express appreciation to God and Jesus, but also to veterans who served to keep us free and safe, the family who loves us, neighbors, friends who love us and made our lives richer, coworkers, the list can be endless. Do you appreciate ways that Crossfire has enriched your life?

Gratitude is more than a polite habit. It is a posture of the heart. When we pause to thank God, we shift our focus from what we lack to the Giver of every good gift.

When we appreciate others, we acknowledge the value God has placed in their lives. We turn our thankfulness into an active reflection of His grace.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Gratitude at work protects our hearts from bitterness and helps us see our labor as a gift and a platform to reflect His light.

Rhoda K. Lauver, Director

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

Alcohol Free

Crossfire events are Alcohol free to ensure a safe, comfortable environment for all.

CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events –Oct December 2026

Events - dates, times, and locations are subject to change.
Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.

Saturday, Oct 31	Fall Hike – Governor Dick, 3283 Pinch Rd, Mt Gretna, PA 17064- 11 am
Friday, Nov 6	Square dance-Ridgeway Comm Church, 525 N Progress Ave, Harrisburg 17109 – 6:30 pm
Wed., Nov 11	Veterans Day Dinner, Olive Garden, 6520 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, 17050 4:30 pm
Saturday, Nov 14	Dinner – Walnut Bottom Diner, 936 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 – 4 pm
Saturday, Nov 14	BUNCO - The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 – 5:45 pm
Saturday, Nov 21	Surviving the Holidays - Epiphany Luth Ch, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg 17112 –6:30 pm
Saturday, Nov 28	Thanksgiving potluck +games –Epiphany Luth Ch, 1100 Colonial Rd, Hbg 17112 -5:30pm
Saturday, Dec 5	Christmas Dance – Silver Springs Ch, 444 Silver Spring Rd, Mechanicsburg 17050 –6:30p
Saturday, Dec 12	Christmas Brunch – Barn Resort, 75 Cunningham Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325 – 11 am
Saturday, Dec 19	Bowling at Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 – 4 pm
Saturday, Dec 26	Pizza – Trivia, Epiphany Ch, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112 – 5:30 pm

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

Square Dance – Grant Moser, Caller
Friday, November 6, 2026 - 6:30 pm, Doors open 6 pm
Ridgeway Community Church,

525 N Progress Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17109



You do not want to miss this event! I have it 'on good authority' that you will be delighted at a dance with Grant calling. (More info https://dancewithgrant.com
Square dancing is a good way to make new Crossfire friends and get some exercise. Alumni are welcome.
You will have fun if you have never done any square dancing. Come to learn basic moves and have FUN. It is best to arrive early, so you will not miss any instructions.
Donation to Crossfire is $15 at the door or $12.50 if received by October 31, 2026. You can pay by using the donate button on cfire.org and specify square dance. **Passport - FREE**

Please register on cfire.org or by leave a message at 717-545-0005 or text 717-269-3750.

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🦃 Thanksgiving 2026: A Season of Appreciation, Gratitude and Giving As we gather this season and reflect on the year, we invite you to pause and ask: What are you thankful for in 2026? Maybe it's your health, your faith, your friendships—or simply the strength to get through tough times. Every blessing matters.

💝 Keep Crossfire Ministry Going Strong If you haven't had a chance to give yet, now's a great time to jump in and show your support. Your generosity helps Crossfire continue to be a place where singles can connect, grow, and thrive—for years to come.

🦃 "Surviving the Holidays." We also know the holidays can be tough for many singles. If you're grieving a loss—through death, divorce, or other hardships—you're not alone. That's why we're hosting a special one-night session called **"Surviving the Holidays."** A helpful video with practical tips can guide you through the season with hope. And if you've been down this road before, we'd love for you to come and support others who are just starting their healing journey. **This session is for you if you are dreading being alone for any reason.**

💝 Event Calendar Is Always Available on www.Cfire.org Thanks to your amazing support, our full lineup is now available at www.cfire.org. Bible studies, Christian movie nights, picnics, post-Thanksgiving meals, Christmas parties, dances—you name it. It's all about clean fun, good company, and uplifting fellowship.

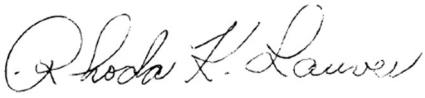
👶 **Willing to Volunteer?** We're growing and reaching more people than ever—and we could use your help! A new Leadership-Team group is meeting and is eager to welcome newcomers. Your time and talents can make a real difference.

💸 **Every Gift Counts** Many singles live on a tight budget and can't always afford to join in. Your donation helps make these events accessible to everyone:

- $25 lets two singles attend an event for free
- $100 covers two months of newsletter mailings

Your support means the world. If you feel moved to give, now's the perfect time—while gratitude and appreciation are fresh in our hearts.

With love and thanks,



Rhoda K. Lauver
Director /The Crossfire Team

DONATION Amount $_____

Name _____ Phone_____

Address _____

____ Please add me to emails Email_____

____ $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

***2026 Passport special- Make a $300 annual contribution for Passport now and attend events through the end of 2027 for the One year price.

Fall Hike – Governor Dick, Mt. Gretna
Saturday, October 31, 2026 - 11:00 am
Clarence Schock Memorial Park, 3283 Pinch Rd., Mt. Gretna, PA 17064



Park and meet at the Environmental Education Center.
Hike will be uphill to climb the 66-foot observation tower to enjoy the panoramic view of 5 counties – Lebanon, Berks, Dauphin, Lancaster, and York. Enjoy the colored leaves, birds, trees and mammals along the path.

Register anytime at **cfire.org**, or call or text **717-545-0005** and leave a message.



Veterans Day dinner –
Tuesday, November 11, 2025 – 4:30 pm
Olive Garden Restaurant, 6520 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



We invite all veterans and everyone who is thankful for veterans to join us for an early dinner at Olive Garden Restaurant. (Olive Garden provides free dinner to the veterans.)
If you are a veteran, you might want to show your colors

Register anytime at **cfire.org**, or call or text **717-545-0005** and leave a message.



Saturday, November 14, 2026
Dinner – Walnut Bottom Diner – 4 pm
BUNCO – TMH – 5:45 pm



Walnut Bottom Family Diner, 936 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 – 4 pm
The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 – 5:45 pm
Join Crossfire friends for double the fun. We will gather for dinner at the Walnut Bottom Diner at 4 pm and then be ready to play BUNCO at 6 pm, just across the road and a little bit further.
Bunco donation $6, Passport – Free; Dinner - order and pay individually.
Count is needed for both events,

Register anytime at **cfire.org**, or call or text **717-545-0005** and leave a message.



Surviving the Holidays
Saturday, November 21, 2026 – 6:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church – Crossfire Office

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112
This event is for anyone who is dreading the holiday season, for any reason and expects to be lonely or sad. It is also for those of you who have experienced dreading the holiday season and would like to share briefly how you were able to survive the holiday season.

Register anytime at **cfire.org**, or call or text **717-545-0005** and leave a message.



Saturday, November 28, 2026 - 5:30 pm
Thanksgiving - potluck and games –
Epiphany Lutheran Church



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 preferred game(s) or play Carrom, Pictionary, Skip-bo, Mille-Borne, Dutch Blitz….
Suggested donation $5, Passport - Free

Register anytime at **cfire.org**, or call or text **717-545-0005** and leave a message.



Christmas Dance -
Saturday, Dec 5, 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 a snack or drink to share.
Cookie share - Bring your homemade cookies and sample other varieties
Donation to Crossfire $15 at the door or $12.50 if received by November 28, 2026.
Passport – FREE

Register anytime at **cfire.org**, or call or text **717-545-0005** and leave a message.



Saturday, Dec 12, 2026 – 11 am
Christmas Brunch – The Barn Resort
75 Cunningham Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325



Celebrate the joy and beauty of the Christmas season with your Crossfire friends at The Barn, formerly Boyd's Bears Barn.

Choose all you can eat buffet or order from the menu. Smorgasbord cost for brunch is $19.49 + tax and tips, includes all you can eat, desserts, and drinks.

After dining, we can browse the gift shop, have fun in the arcade or stroll the grounds.

Please register on cfire.org or call or text 717-545-0005 and leave a message.

Bowling at Trindle Bowl
Saturday – December 19, 2026 @ 4:00 PM
4695 E Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



Come in from the cold and enjoy a good time of fun and fellowship bowling with your Crossfire friends. Bowling 2 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.) Thank You!

Or register on cfire.org or call or text to leave a message at 717-545-0005.



Saturday - December 26, 2026 – 5:30 pm
Pizza and TRIVIA
Epiphany Lutheran social hall, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112



Show off your favorite 'ugly' Christmas sweater.

Ornament exchange – Bring a Christmas ornament, costing no more than $6 to exchange.

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

You are welcome to bring snacks or drinks to share.

Suggested donation $12.50.

Please register on cfire.org or call or text to leave a message at 717-545-0005.

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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. Email: info@cfire.org for information.

We would love to hear your input for events. Send your ideas to info@cfire.org. **Thank you**

Cfire.org –Current information

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. Need to pay for event – use Donate button and specify the event.

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.