



CROSSFIRE

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

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What does it mean that God is love?

1 John 4:8 and 4:16 both tell us that God is love. Ephesians 3:18-19 and Psalm 117 and hundreds more times the Bible speaks of love.

From Wikipedia, "In the New Testament, God's love for the world is expressed in Greek as *agape*. The same Greek word *agape* is used also of the love of Christians for one another and for other human beings. The corresponding verb *agapō* is used not only of God's love and of the mutual love of Christians, but also of Christians' love for God as in 1 John 4:21: "And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

As a child and children's leader, we sang "Praise Him, Praise HimGod is Love, God is Love." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NokhLuCYiFw> I think some children's songs have the clearest message for all of us. We do need to praise God for his love.

Romantic love

I enjoy Hallmark movies but I will be the first to state they all have the same theme and the ending is totally predictable. Although we may enjoy the fantasy of a romantic movie (or not), God's love is not a fantasy. He loves us and continues to love us forever and in spite of our wrong doing. The love of God is the only perfect love. Accept God's love and let his love shine through you today and always.

Love yourself

Finally, we need to love ourselves. Can you forgive yourself for mistakes you have made, for we all make mistakes. Can you make things right that have been hurtful to others, but also forgive yourself after righting the wrong if possible. We are to love others, not more than we love ourselves, but as we love ourselves. Matthew 22:39, Mark 12:31, Leviticus 19:18

God loves you!

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

CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events— Jan-March 2025

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.

- Saturday, Jan 25 Pictionary-Games—Epiphany Lutheran, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg 17112—6:30 pm
- Saturday, Feb 1 Carlisle Ice Fest, Meet St Paul Church, 201 W Louthier St, Carlisle, PA 17013—1:30 pm
- Saturday, Feb 8 Soup-er Bowl, The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015—5:30 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 11 Bible study Watch Your Mouth - Epiphany, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—7 pm
- Saturday, Feb 15 Escape Room Hershey, 253 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey, PA 17033— 11 am
- Saturday, Feb 22 Bowling—Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm
- Saturday, March 1 Wildwood Park—Lake Hike, 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110—10:30 am
- Sunday, March 9 PA Capitol Tour, 501 N 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17120—2:30 pm
- Friday, March 14 Bible study-Robert Jeffress Graceway Church of God, 220 St Johns Church Rd, Camp Hill 6:30 pm
- Saturday, March 15 Winter dance, Silver Spring Presbyterian, 444 Silver Spr Rd, Mechanicsburg, —6:30 pm
- Saturday, March 22 Praise and worship, Epiphany Lutheran, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—6:30 pm
- Saturday, March 29 BUNCO, TMH, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015—5:30 pm

“Watch Your Mouth”

Tuesday Bible Study — Feb 11, 2025



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

Bible Study “ Watch your Mouth” will be starting the second Tuesday in February. Bible study will start at 7 pm meet with doors opening at 6:30 pm.

Bible study will continue to meet on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month. If the group is interested, we may plan something for the 5th Tuesday (dinner, ice cream, an extra Bible Study, other ideas welcome).

For information, please call 717 210-1856 and leave a message.

Friday Bible Study – March 14, 2025 – 6:30 pm

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

Video Series by Robert Jeffress

Come and join your Crossfire friends for a great study with discussion after video.

More information and details to follow.



Register NOW for Escape Room- -Saturday February 15, 2025 —11 am



Escape Room Hershey, 253 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey, PA 17033

Try a new challenge or bring your experience to help your friends escape.

Minimum of 4 people, more than 12, we will reserve 2 rooms. To reserve your spot and make sure we plan this event, you need to **pay the \$27 per person by January 18, 2025**. Three different rooms are available with success rates from 30% to 80%. Can Crossfire escape?

If you have questions, you can call Crossfire 717-545-0005 and leave a message or text 717-269-3750

Saturday, January 25, 2025—Pictionary-Games—6:30 pm

Epiphany Lutheran, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Suggested donation \$5.00

Pictionary can be a hilarious group game, everyone can be involved. Play Pictionary in teams – drawing for your team is optional – whole team guesses. Creativity and imagination are the most helpful skills. Great drawing ability is NOT needed!

You may choose to bring another game, plan a game, play any of the many board games.

Please call Crossfire 717-545-0005 and leave a message, email info@cfire.org or text Rhoda at 717-269-3750 to let us know you plan to attend and mention any games you like to play.



Saturday, February 1, 2025—Carlisle Ice Fest—1:30 pm

Meet in front of St Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 W. Louthier St, Carlisle, PA 17013

Cross fire will get together to go to the Ice Festival in Carlisle Pa on Saturday, February 1, 2025. The group will take a stroll through the ice sculptures and then we might decide to eat dinner later. Will cancel if weather is bad that day.

Please call 717 210-1856 to let us know you plan to attend and receive notice if event is canceled.



Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025 – Soup-er Bowl Competition– 5:30 pm

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

The first 8 people to REGISTER TO BRING A HOMEMADE SOUP will **compete for top prize and bragging rights**. You may also volunteer to bring salad or bread for reduced price admission \$6.25.

Competitors agree to allow CROSSFIRE to sell any leftover soup for take-home with proceeds going to CROSSFIRE.

All competitors, please text Rhoda at 717-269-3750 or call 717-210-1856 to let us know if you are entering the competition and what you are bringing.



Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025 – Soup-er Bowl – 5:30 pm

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

Everyone who attends will get to sample all the soups for dinner and vote for favorite soup of the evening.

Purchase great homemade soup for your Super Bowl party.

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

Passport—free.

Please sign up for this event so we know who is competing and who will be enjoying eating a variety of homemade soups.

Please text Rhoda at 717-269-3750 or call 717-210-1856 or 717-545-0005 to let us know if you coming to eat or entering the competition and what you are bringing.



Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025 – Bowling - 4 pm

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

February is a great time to come in out of the cold (BURR!) and spend time with your Crossfire friends bowling. Come see how many strikes you can make.

We'll be bowling two games for \$8.00 with FREE shoe rentals. Then we'll go to a restaurant for fellowship and possibly have a dessert. Register ahead with Barb at 717-732-4423 so she can reserve enough bowling lanes and seats for dinner. Pay Barb \$8.00 cash for bowling when you arrive at the lanes. (Please leave your name and phone number, in case we have to cancel because of bad weather).



Hike ,Wildwood Park Lake Saturday, March 1, 2025 – 11 am

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

Wildwood Park is a public park and nature sanctuary in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The 229 acre park is known for its 90-acre shallow lake with over 6 miles of trails and mile-long boardwalk over the wetlands. Dogs allowed.

Meet in front of the Nature Center.

Call Kevin at 717-756-9684 to let him know you plan to attend or text 717-269-3750.



Sunday, March 9, 2025 – PA Capital Tour – 2:30 pm

Pennsylvania State Capitol, 501 N 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17120

PA Capitol Guided Tours - a 30-minute guided tour of "the handsomest building" President Theodore Roosevelt ever saw. Capitol Tour Guide will point out the architectural and artistic highlights, and make the Capitol's history come alive for you.

This guided tour of Pennsylvania's Capitol is 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 9th, 2025. Please arrive at 2:30 pm, after allowing sufficient time to find a place to park. Directions and parking information

<https://www.pacapitol.com/plan-a-visit/getting-to-the-capitol.cfm> .

Please text 717-269-3750 or leave a message at 717-545-0005 for additional information and let me know you plan to attend.



Saturday, March 15, 2025 - Winter dance - 6:30 pm

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

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

DJ Mandy will be playing old and new favorites for all types of dancing. Crossfire alumni are welcome.

Please bring a snack or drink to share

Donation to Crossfire \$15 at the door or \$12.50 if received by March 1, 2025.

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



Saturday, March 22, 2025 - Praise and Worship – 6:30 pm,

7 pm, - Worship Team, Karen and James Good,

Speaker - Pastor Dave Dormer, Jr

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

Please bring a dessert to share or snack or drink.

Donation to cover Crossfire costs \$4. An Free Will Offering will be taken for Karen and James.

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

For information, you can call Crossfire 717-545-005 and leave a message or text 717-269-3750. RSVP is not required but will help us prepare seating for everyone.



Saturday, March 29, 2025 – 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 \$6.00 and a dish, snack, or drink to share and your smile.

See you at BUNCO - Call 717 210-1856 or 717-545-0005 to let us know you plan to attend, please leave a message or email info@cfire.org



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Covid-19 Policy

- ◆ Masks are optional at Crossfire, and we recommend that you wear them.
- ◆ If you are showing symptoms of the Virus, you will not be allowed to attend.
- ◆ If you have symptom of the Virus or **not feeling well** in any manor **please stay home**.

It is difficult to make rules and policy that restrict God's people. It's my hope in these difficult time you understand we are doing this for your health and future. Hoping to see you all at an event soon.

Blessing, Chairman, Pastor Dave Dormer

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

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