



CROSSFIRE

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

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Forgiveness



‘Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do
you not perceive it?’

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Resolutions can be powerful. When we keep them, they shape our lives for the better. Yet sometimes we set expectations so high that we stumble under their weight. That does not mean we have failed — it means we are human.

There is a difference between choices that affect only ourselves and actions that wound others. God does not condemn every misstep, but He does call us to account when our wrongs harm His children.

So what do we do with the sins of our past?

Scripture and life remind us: confession brings freedom. In Ellery Adams’ books, four friends share their regrets openly, and through honesty they discover deeper connections. That is a glimpse of what God offers us — forgiveness and restored relationship.

We are called to:

Feel true sorrow when we have harmed another.

Seek reconciliation whenever possible.

Ask forgiveness from those we wronged, and from God Himself.

Extend forgiveness to ourselves, just as we extend it to others.

Lingering in guilt serves no purpose. What matters is repentance — turning away from sin, taking steps to ensure we do not repeat it, and then walking forward in grace.

God forgives. His mercy is greater than our failures. When we accept His forgiveness, we are free to forgive ourselves and live in the joy of His love.

Verses above from Isaiah 18-19a

Rhoda K. Lauer, Director

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“Give, and it shall be given
unto you...” —Luke 6:38

CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events—Dec-Feb 2026

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.

- ~ 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
- ~ Friday, Jan. 9 Dining—Manada Hill Diner, 257 N Hershey Rd, Grantville, PA 17112—6 pm
- ~ 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
- ~ Saturday, Feb 7 Minute to Win It—Epiphany Lutheran Ch., 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—6:30 pm
- ~ Saturday, Feb 14 Sweet Singles Dance—DJ Terry Snyder—6:30 pm
- ~ Saturday, Feb 21 Bowling—Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm
- ~ Saturday, Feb 28 Dining—Squeaky Rail Diner, 505 N Enola Rd, Enola, PA 17025

Crossfire - Friday Night Bible Study – 6:30 pm

Graceway Church of God,

220 St. John's Church Rd. Camp Hill, PA 17011



Friday Nights, February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Study is a DVD series 'SPIRIT WARS' by Dr. Robert Jeffress

Supernatural weapons for defeating your unseen enemy. Dr. Jeffress with lessons on: "Satan's four favorite lies", "What demons want to do to you" and other great topics.

Come join Crossfire on Friday evenings. We'll have a time of fellowship and some great discussions.

Call Barb to sign up at 717 732-4423 (leave your name and number in case we have to cancel.)

Chocolate World Tour Ride

Saturday, January 3, 2026 – 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 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.



Friday, Jan. 9, 2026—Mystery Event

See next page

Saturday, Jan 17, 2026 – BUNCO!!! – 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 – Register at 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.



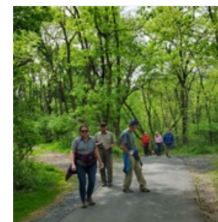
Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026 – Hike, Wildwood Park Lake - 11 am

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 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.



Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026 - SOUP-ER BOWL – 6:00 pm

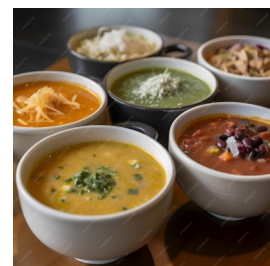
The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015

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 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.



*****Mystery revealed*****

Friday, Jan 9, 2025 – DINING – MANADA HILL DINER – 6 pm

Manada Hill Diner, 257 N. Hershey Rd, Grantville, PA 17112

Behind LaQuinta Inn

Enjoy socializing and eating good food. The first 16 to register will be seated together.

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



Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026 - Minute to Win it – 6:30 pm

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

Teams will be formed and everyone will have an opportunity to compete in an event. Contests could include stacking pennies, blowing balloons, tossing ping pong balls, drawing or coloring, team relay.

Requested donation \$6.

Snacks and drinks to share are welcomed.

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Sweet Singles Dance

Saturday, February 14, 2026 –6:30 pm

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 something sweet, or a snack or drink to share.

Donation to Crossfire \$15 at the door or **\$12.50 if received by February 7, 2026. Passport – FREE**

You can register through cfire.org under events, or call 717-545-0005 and leave a message.



Bowling at Trindle Bowl

Saturday – February 21, 2026 - 4:00 pm
4695 E Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



Come in from the cold weather and bowl with Crossfire friends

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 to insure space for you at bowling and the restaurant. (When calling please leave your name and phone number in case we have to cancel).

JANUARY CHALLENGE

Can you find a picture of someone you know in this newsletter?

Be first to correctly answer the occasion and or the



Be first to correctly identify all the people in the picture or

Be the first to give the most correct answers.

Two chances to win this month find one or both pictures with Crossfire friends.



Saturday, Feb 28 – 4 pm
Dining Squeaky Rail Diner

Squeaky Rail Diner,
505 N Enola Rd, Enola, PA 17025

Enjoy socializing and eating good food.



Please register at <https://cfire.org/events>, call 717-545-0005 to leave a message, or text Rhoda 717-269-3750.

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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 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. Thank you, Pastor Dave

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 Email: info@cfire.org.