

CROSSFIRE Interchurch Singles Ministry Monthly Newsletter, Volume 46, Issue 12, December 2024



You have often heard it said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 Will you be giving gifts this year to family, a special friend, the needy? Giving is a way of showing our love and God's love to others.

Crossfire is giving an opportunity to bring gifts for the needy to our Dec. 7 Christmas dance and an opportunity to give a gift to an unknown Crossfire friend at the Dec. 14 Christmas party. If God has blessed you, and who hasn't been blessed by God in so many ways, we request that you consider a gift to Crossfire this Christmas. 2 Corinthians 9:7 "God loves a cheerful giver."

Other kinds of giving are just as important. Can you give of your time, resources, and a listening ear. Be a friend! Simply offer kind words to someone in need. Whatever you choose, do it with a cheerful heart and a spirit of love.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, guide me to give with a joyful and willing heart. Help me to see the needs of others and respond with love and generosity. May my giving be a reflection of Your boundless love for us. Amen.

Rhoda K. Lauver, Director

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



<u>CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events- Nov-Jan 2025</u>

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

- Saturday, Nov 30 Thanksgiving leftovers potluck—Crossfire office, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg—5:30 pm
- Saturday, Dec 7 Dance—DJ Mandy—St Paul Lutheran, 201 W Louther, Carlisle, PA—6:30 pm
- Monday, Dec 9 Brunch—Front St Diner, 4003 N Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17110—10:30am
 - Saturday, Dec 14 Christmas Party—Epiphany Lutheran, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—6:30 pm
 - Saturday, Dec 21 Bowling—Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm
- Saturday, Dec 28 Pizza and TRIVIA—Epiphany Lutheran, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg 17112-6:30 pm
- Saturday, Jan 4 BUNCO—The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015—6 pm
 - Saturday, Jan 11 Brunch—Capitol Diner, 800 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA 17111—11 am
- Saturday, Jan 18 Movie—Graceway Church of God, 220 St John's Ch Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011—6 pm
- Saturday, Jan 25 Pictionary-Games—Epiphany Lutheran, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg 17112—6:30 pm
- February Dance, Souper-Bowl, Bible study

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 often even more joy to the giver.

Over the past 46 years, Crossfire has been committed to single's ministry. Through the generous gifts of supporters like you, we have resumed in person activities for Singles. Your contributions are essential to continue Crossfire ministry to singles for 46 more years.

Why does Crossfire need contributions? Doesn't Crossfire charge for events?

The amounts charged to attend events are set to cover the costs specific to that event, very little extra is charged to cover other costs. Your donation to Crossfire is requested to cover costs of out-reach – website, phone, meetup, newsletters to churches; insurance; space for events, meetings, and storage.

As a non-profit, Crossfire provides 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.

Warm regards,

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Rhoda K. Lauver, Director

DONATION	Amount \$		
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Passport holders—No charge

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

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

We will 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 Sharon at 717 210-1856.

Saturday, November 30, 2024 – 5:30 pm Thanksgiving leftovers—potluck—games

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, 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. Donation \$5.00

Please let Rhoda know you plan to attend by leaving message on office phone 717-545-0005 or texting 717-269-3750.

Christmas Dance

Saturday – December 7, 6:30 pm

St Paul Lutheran Church, 201 W Louther St, Carlisle, PA 17013

Celebrate the season, visit friends you have known and new friends you will meet.

DJ will be playing old and new favorites for all types of dancing.

Crossfire alumni are welcome.

Please bring:

- a donation for the needy warm socks, gloves, caps, blankets, personal items. -
- Snack or drink to share

Donation to Crossfire \$15 at the door, or \$12.50 if received by November 30, 2024.







Monday, Dec 9,2024, Brunch,10:30 am Front St Diner, 4003 N Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Mark your calendar for a breakfast (brunch) get together and fellowship at Front St. Diner. For those of you who don't work during the day come join your CROSSFIRE Friends for some delicious food. To reserve seating, please register in advance. Call Barb at (717) 732-

4423 leaving a message with your name and phone number (In Case We Have To Cancel). I'M hoping you'll come and join us.

Saturday, December 14, Christmas Party - 6:30 pm Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Cookies - Bring your favorite cookies to share – homemade or purchased or another snack or drink.

Gift Exchange - If you wish to participate, bring a gift of \$10 or make your favorite homemade Christmas treat.

Suggested attire - Dress in your holiday festive colors or wear a unique or "Ugly Christmas Sweater" to participate for a small prize!

Games, Carols, and a Hot Chocolate station will complete this magical Christmas party! Suggested donation \$5 to cover the facility rental, supplies, and Crossfire overhead expenses. **Passport members – free**.

You can register by calling 717-545-0005 and leaving a message or texting 717-269-3750.

Saturday – December 21, 2024 - Bowling - 4:00 PM

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

Let's celebrate the 1st day of Winter (*BURR!*) by coming inside and bowling.

We'll be bowling two games for \$8.00 with FREE shoe rentals. Then we'll go to a local restaurant for dinner or 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).

Pizza and Trivia Night

Saturday - December 28, 6:30 pmEpiphany Lutheran social hall, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Suggested donation \$12.50

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Team trivia—(You may bring a game, plan a game, play any of the many board games.) Please call Crossfire 717-545-00005 and leave a message, email info@cfire.org or text 717-269-3750 to let us know you plan to attend and mention games you like to play and favorite pizza.









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Saturday, Jan 4, 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.

We need at least 12 people to make this work so 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 - Call Sharon 717 210-1856 to let her know you plan to attend, or you can leave a message at 717-545-0005 or email info@cfire.org

Saturday, January 11, 2025 - Brunch – 11 am

Capitol Diner, 800 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA 17111 Please join your friends, including those you haven't met yet for a fun

brunch and good food.

Please text Rhoda 717-269-3750 to let her know you plan to attend, if pos-

sible, by Jan 8, 2025, to make sure your seat will be reserved. You can also call Crossfire office 717-545-0005 or sign up on Meetup.

Movie Funny Farm—staring Chevy Chase Saturday, January 18th⁻ 6:00 pm

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

films. I'm sure you will love it So come and join us (bring a friend) Barb will be bosting this Crossfire activity. Please register by calling (717)

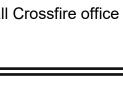
Barb will be hosting this Crossfire activity. Please register by calling (717) 732-4423 and leave your name and phone number in case we have to cancel. (Thank You).

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.









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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

Crossfire Passport

When you support CROSSFIRE as a PassPort member, you get FREE admission to all CROSS-FIRE events hosted & priced by the ministry, and a FREE newsletter mailing each month.

You receive a Passport Card when you fill out a form pledging to donate a minimum of \$25 per month (minimum of \$300 per year).

Contact the CROSSFIRE office for more information at 717-545-0005 or Email: info@cfire.org.