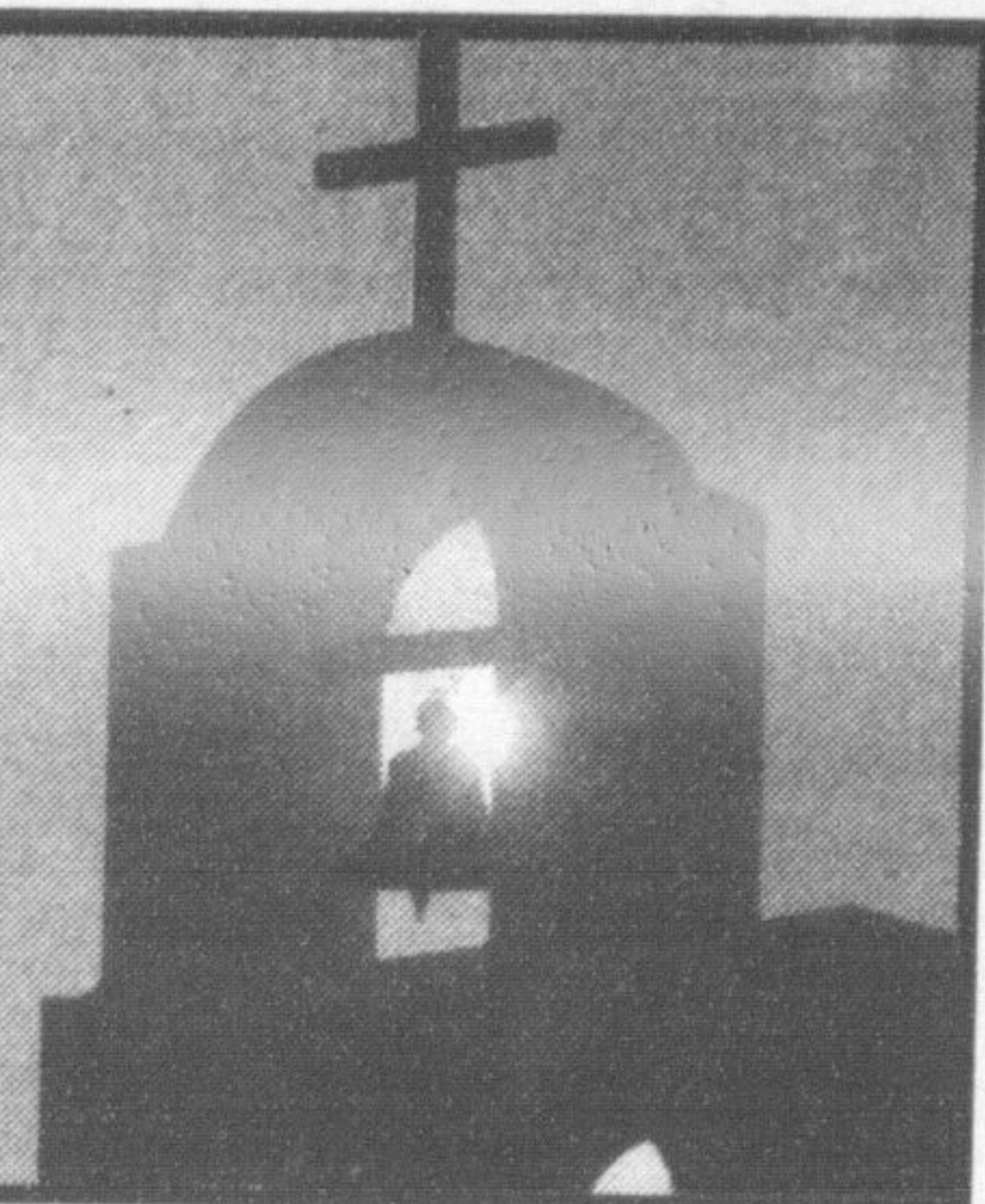


Your Invitation To Worship



The Fragrance of Forgiveness

Do you remember last year's tragic Amish schoolhouse shooting in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania? Five innocent girls were brutally murdered by a lone gunman. I uncovered an article today detailing an act of extravagant love and forgiveness written by Jon Hurdle in Philadelphia on September 13, 2007 at 09:55 a.m. for Reuters.

An Amish community which lost five girls in a Pennsylvania schoolhouse shooting massacre last year has donated money to the widow of the gunman.

The Nickel Mines Accountability Committee, which was set up to handle more than \$US4.3 million (\$5.12m) in donations from around the world after the shootings, said it had given an unspecified "contribution" to Marie Roberts, a mother of three.

Her husband, Charles Carl Roberts, a local milk truck driver who was not Amish, tied up and shot 10 Amish schoolgirls aged 6 to 14 in their classroom last October 2, killing five of them before turning the gun on himself.

After the shootings, members of the deeply religious Amish community in Lancaster County

about 97km west of Philadelphia, said they wanted to forgive the gunman.

In a statement released on behalf of the community, the committee said, "Many from Nickel Mines have pointed out that forgiveness is a journey, that you need help from your community of faith and from God ... to make and hold on to a decision not to become a hostage to hostility.

"It is understood that hostility destroys community," the statement said.

The Amish, descendants of Swiss-German settlers, eschew many aspects of modern life such as cars and telephones, and place particular importance on the principle of forgiveness.

Four of the five wounded girls have been in school since last December, and two have missed some school for rehabilitative therapy, the committee said.

The most seriously wounded survivor, Rosanna King, is confined to a wheelchair, unable to talk or feed herself. But her parents said in the statement she smiled a lot and seemed to have good vision and hearing.

A new school built a short distance from the site of the old one - which was demolished - is expected to be closed on the anniversary of the shootings but no memorial events are planned, the statement said.

"To the casual observer, life goes on in Nickel Mines," the statement said. "But for the families each day brings with it the pain, grief and questions that remind them of their loss."

How can anyone forgive so freely? Only with God's help! This divinely-inspired act has

gripped the hearts of many who have heard about it. Is there someone that you need to forgive? Is there something that you could do to show your willingness to let go of your bad feelings?

Learn more about forgiveness. Visit one of Milton's fine local churches this week. Service times and locations are published in the Religious Directory below to help you.

Submitted by Rev. Dan Rogge, Pastor of Milton's New Life Church

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905.257.3987
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Rev. Dr. Renée Desjardins
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317 Main St. E
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905-878-2411

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10:00 am - Sung Eucharist including "Kids' Spirit" Program followed by coffee hour

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10:30 am - Sanctuary - Holy Communion
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Alpha Course starting Sept. 25th - 6:30p.m. (free dinner)

7051 Guelph Line at Derry Road (Tel) 905-878-1363
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FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

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First Service 9:00 AM (Sunday School 9:30 AM)
Second Service 10:45 AM*
Evening Service 6:30 PM
Children's Ministries available in all Services
*Captioned for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

TUESDAYS Ladie's Coffe Break 9:30 AM
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Adult Bible Study/Extreme Life Youth/BT Club for Kids

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Sat. 9:30 a.m. - Sabbath School
Sat. 11:00 a.m. - Divine Service
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PASTOR: AJ DaCosta 519-835-8301
For more information about our service and program, please call.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1412 Britannia Rd. West, Milton, On L9T 2X8
905-875-2939

Sunday School Classes
10:00 am

Worship & Communion
11:00 am

Thursday Bible Study
7:00 pm

Minister Steve Corbett

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11:45 a.m. - Sunday School
6:30 p.m. - Gospel Service
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For the Son of man is come to seek and to save what which was lost.
- Luke 19.10

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824 Thompson Road South, Milton ON L9T 2X5
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Or Call Pastor Dan Rogge at 905-878-3358

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103 Martin Street
905-878-1629
Pastor Walter H. Isaak

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11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. - Evening Service

Thursday
7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer

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10:30 a.m. Service
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John 2:12-24

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