## Notes from ... South Bay United Church

- By Dorothy Speirs

The South Bay United Church Fish Fry is back! After three long years, we're getting set to welcome everyone to our annual dinner on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. On the menu: pan-fried perch and pickerel, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and rolls as well as the home-made desserts for which the church is so justly famous!

Tickets are at the door (\$30.00) and take-out is available. We're wheelchair accessible. For further information, call Dorothy at 613 476-8435 and watch for notices on the South Bay Church Facebook page.

Yes, our South Bay Fish Fry is certainly a community tradition, and it's one that goes back a century. The Picton Gazette of August 1923 re-

"On Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1923, the Members of the congregation of the South Bay United Church held their Annual Chicken Pie Supper for the first time in the new enclosed shed. The large shed was converted into a spacious dining room and kitchen; the floor first being thoroughly cleaned. The floor was covered with about three inches of sawdust, and a row of ever-

greens were fastened around about two-thirds of the building, thus enclosing a dining room in which were eight tables with a seating capacity of one hundred and forty persons. The arches of evergreens covered the tables under which chandeliers and hanging lamps were arranged, giving plenty of light for the

occasion.

The Floral Committee bedecked each table with beautiful bouquets which added to the beauty of the dining room. The part assigned for the kitchen was furnished with stoves, tables, etc. for the ladies to cater to the wants of the guests. These ladies certainly know how to perform their duties.

Great credit is due to the young men and women who acted as waiters.

Nearly six hundred people were attended to in a trifle over two hours. Not a hitch occurred during the whole process. The proceeds of the evening were Two Hundred and Fifty-Eight Dollars."





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