

# Notes from ... South Bay United Church

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When the New Year's bells ring in 2024, South Bay United Church will have been standing on the shore for more than 150 years. Over the decades, the church has served not only as a focus for spiritual guidance but also as an important part of the life of our local community.

As far back as 1874, events like the one below were a significant part of the role of the church:

"In October, Bro. John Duetta got up and provided for a tea party at South Bay", according to the Church minutes. "This was a good meeting though a stormy night, results \$19.00. On

Christmas Eve, our friends at the Creek held another with a Christmas tree – a most excellent meeting. B. & J. Hulles, A. Grimmon and D. Hughes took the concern into their hands, and the results were good, \$23.00. On New Year's Eve, the friends at Long Point were not to be beaten, and they held another. Thomas Minaker provided for it. This was the pleasantest and most successful meeting ever held in the place, \$36.50 being the result. On Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the friends at Salmon Point put in their help by another successful social party. Bro. Dunham took the lead in this, enlisting in the



effort Mr. Dainard, Mr. Miller and quite a number of other friends. The result was \$20.00. These efforts were a blessing to all and not less so to your humble servant. With gratitude to all for their kindness on these and other occasions. May the God of all grace abundantly bless you."

And now, a century and a half later, South Bay Church still stands as a testimony to the faith and the hard work of our community.

From all of us at South Bay United Church, very best wishes to all the readers of the *South Marysburgh Mirror* for health and happiness in 2024.



  
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