

Notes from ... South Bay United Church

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As we noted in an earlier issue of *The Mirror*, in the days of our grandparents, there were many more churches throughout the south end of the County than there are today.

Perhaps you've noticed in your travels around Point Traverse a memorial cairn on Babylon Road. The cairn marks the site of the Carman Methodist Episcopal Church and is now maintained by South Bay United Church. A memorial service is held at the cairn site once a year.

Here's the story of the church

as it is told in the *History of South Bay United Church. The First Hundred Years 1872-1972.*

"In the vicinity of Point Traverse, well known to the older generation as Babylon, the Carman Church was erected in the year 1877, one of the finest structural types of building of its day in the County of Prince Edward.

The building was of brick structure and the chief mason was William Smith of Picton. The carpenter who did such an excellent job on all the woodwork, horseshoe gallery and steeple was Charles Boles.

Johnson Parkinson built the

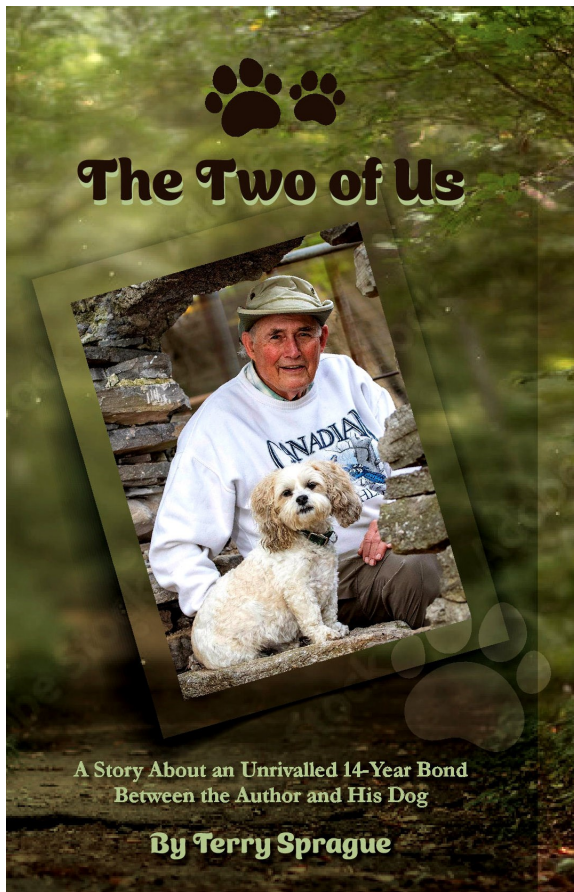


ornament and weather-vane which surmounted the steeple.

At the time of the opening of the church, the late

Dr. Carman was superintendent, or held the same position as our present-day Moderator, and was present at the

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