



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report

December 2008

During the past year, progress continued on the renovation of the historic Rutland Center Church, all financed with donations to the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery committee. No Town of Rutland funds were used for this project.

Exterior Renovation of the Rutland Church now complete

After five years of work by a number of dedicated individuals, the exterior of the Rutland Center Church now looks much like it did when first built in 1852. The committee thanks the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, a number of foundations and many individuals for their generous support of the project.

Much was accomplished in 2008. The restored windows, many glazed with old glass donated by a local resident, were installed, carpenters replaced missing siding, corner trim and fascia boards, and a professional painter applied a durable white finish to the building. Finally, a craftsman rebuilt the porch and workmen installed buried electrical service.



Much remains to be done as we turn attention to interior



Assuming that donations and grants provide the necessary funding, the committee plans to work on the following projects during the summer of 2009:

- Remove pews, stoves, lectern and furniture
Remove plaster and lath
Plan electrical service
Install wiring and junction boxes
Repair sagging ceiling
Spray in closed foam insulation.
Install drywall on walls and ceiling.

Refinishing the Pews

Professional refinishing of each pew will cost approximately \$225. An engraved brass plate will recognize each family or individual who sponsors a pew restoration. Please contact Town Clerk Dawn George at 608-455-3925 for more information



Each pew will be scrapped, sanded and spray finished with six coats of paint.

Temporary Pew Storage Needed: Do you have a shed where we could store the pews for about three years? Contact Mark Hanson at 608-835-9712 if you can help.

Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Membership Form

Yes, I'd like to join the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery and contribute \$25 or more to the Church and Cemetery Fund.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

You may use my name in any published list of members: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Check one) Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make out check to the Town of Rutland and put "Rutland Church" in the memo portion. Mail to:

Dawn George, Clerk, Town of Rutland, 4177 Old Stage Rd. Brooklyn, WI 53521