



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report

December 2010

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

Progress Made on Interior Renovation of the Rutland Church

During the summer of 2009, the interior of the church was stripped down to the bare essentials. Thanks to volunteer contributions of time and money, progress was made toward the renovation of the interior:

- The ceiling rafters and joists were strengthened and leveled.
- A new chancel (raised platform) was built at the front of the church along with a chase to conceal the chimney supports.
- Foam insulation was sprayed on the walls, making them stronger and more moisture and insect resistant.
- The walls and ceiling were professionally drywalled and painted.
- Fiberglass insulation was blown into the ceiling.
- New flooring was installed around the interior perimeter of the building.
- Arrangements were made to begin stripping and sanding the pews.



Foam insulation now protects the walls, and the chancel is ready for carpet.



Construction methods have changed since 1852.



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Next: Finishing the Walls, Floor and Pews

- A local craftsman will begin stripping and sanding the pews in January. Extra fund raising will be needed before we can finish that project.
- Two financial gifts will make wainscoting replacement possible in May.
- The floor will be professionally sanded and painted.

Volunteers Needed

Next summer we will be needing help with our planned projects. Community members interested in contributing time or material are encouraged to call or write:

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Workers finish restoring and strengthening the wood flooring on the 158-year-old structure.

Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Membership Form

Yes, I'd like to join or rejoin 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