



*Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee*

# Annual Report

December 2013

During the summer of 2013 the now complete Rutland Center Church opened its door to its first wedding and first funeral. The renovation project, begun eleven years ago, was financed with donations and grants to the Town of Rutland. Hundreds of people contributed time and money to make the project possible. We want to again thank the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission and Stoughton's Bryant Foundation for their major contributions to this project.

## Parking, driveways, landscaping and cemetery plat survey complete Rutland Center Church renovation

During 2013 needed exterior projects were completed:

- Hydraulic engineers developed a plan to control water run-off on the property.
- Town employees installed waterways and culverts prescribed by the plan
- They then constructed the 24-car parking lot and driveway to the church.
- The cemetery was scheduled to be platted by the end of the year.
- And planned for next summer: acquisition and planting of trees, shrubs and perennials in new burial ground.

The Rutland Center Church is now ready for use by community members and others.

- Families may now schedule funerals, and spaces are available for those who wish to own plots in the newly expanded cemetery.
- Couples seeking a small, intimate venue can now plan their wedding in this historic structure.
- Individuals and groups can now plan public meetings, recitals and special performances for gatherings of up to 100 people.



Members of the Anthony family gather in May for the first funeral to be held in the renovated church .

### For Information ....

about building rental or cemetery plot purchase, contact

**Dawn George, Rutland Town Clerk**  
**608-455-3925**

**clerk@town.rutland.wi.us**

See also:

**www.rutlandchurch.org**



The driveway and parking lot are now leveled and graveled.



In September the historic church welcomed its first wedding in many years.



Rev. Cindy Bacon entertains guests at the August open house.

### Friends of the Rutland Center 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. I understand this money may be used for the continued maintenance of the church, the landscaping project or the design and construction of a future out building on the grounds.

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

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

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**