



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee **Annual Report** **December 2004**

During the past year the Committee achieved a number of goals as it works toward its mission of restoring the historic Rutland Center church and cemetery.

1. Brochures were printed and mailed out with the town's tax bills. Responses to this and other solicitations resulted in \$19,000 for the church restoration.
2. A web site is now available at www.rutlandchurch.org. This site contains a great deal of information, including minutes of meetings, pictures of the church and much more.
3. Application was made to have the church made a historical site. This request resulted in approval by the Wisconsin State Historical Society and the National Park Service, which now lists the building and grounds in the National Registry of Historic Places.
4. In July Mr. Arlan Kay of Architecture Network Inc. donated his firm's services to develop a restoration plan for the church. Once plans are developed they will be submitted to the State Historical Society for approval. Restoration can hopefully begin in the spring of 2005 after approval is received.
5. The cemetery is adjacent to the Anthony farm, which was recently sold. The children of Herman Anthony donated one acre of land to the township for the expansion of the cemetery.
6. The University of Wisconsin Department of Landscape and Architecture has agreed to develop a site plan for the site.
7. An information sharing meeting was held in October in an effort to gather genealogical information and learn more about the church and cemetery.



Elaine Karls, Marie Raymond and Mary Sanchez, daughters of Herman Anthony, present the deed for one acre of land to Rutland Town Board members Sarah Shapiro Hurley, Dale Furseth, and Milt Sperle.

How Can You Help

8. Obviously restoration costs money, so your donation, no matter how large or small, will help. One other possibility would be to make a donation for a specific purpose, such as restoration of a window or a pew. We would encourage businesses in the township to make donations of funds, products or services. Restoration will require carpenters, masons, painters, electricians, plants and trees, etc. All donations are tax deductible.
9. We need more volunteers to work on and with the committee in a variety of activities.



Community members gathered October 2nd on the grounds to learn more about the church and cemetery.

10. Become a Friend of the Rutland Church and Cemetery. See enclosed brochure.

For a complete list of the restoration work suggested by the Architecture Network, Inc., please refer to the following page on our website:
www.rutlandchurch.org/restoration.htm.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS PROJECT.

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