



*Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee*

# Annual Report

December 2009

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.

## Interior Renovation of the Rutland Church begins

With the completion of the exterior work in 2008, we turned our attention to the interior this past summer and fall. Thanks to grants from the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission and the Bryant Foundation in Stoughton, donations from many community members, and labor of volunteers, good progress was made toward our goals:

- The pews and wainscoting were removed and sent to safe storage.
  - The plaster and lath was removed.
  - Electrical service was planned and wiring was installed.
- And in the coming winter months, sagging ceilings will be repaired, foam insulation will be installed in the exterior walls and fiberglass insulation will be added in the ceiling.



**Sarah Shapiro and Diane McCallum remove lath and plaster.**



## Walls, ceiling and floor to be focus of 2010

As spring approaches we expect the ceiling will be straight and the walls insulated. Assuming that funds are available to purchase materials, we expect to begin installing drywall and refurbishing the wainscoting. Because the building is registered on the Wisconsin Register of Historic Places, we will be required to apply a skim coat of drywall compound to duplicate the look of the original plaster walls. The floor will need some reinforcement in spots before we can sand and paint.

### 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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or **Myron Bacon**  
608-334-6099  
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**Harley Stokstad and Dale Beske help with lath removal.**



### 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**