



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report

December 2006

During the past year, a number of improvements were made to the historic Rutland Center Church, all financed with donations to the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery committee.

We were saddened to receive word that Ruth Waterman, a major benefactor for this project, passed away in August. Ruth had many relatives buried in the Rutland Cemetery and has had a lifelong interest in preserving the church.

Activities during 2006:

- The roof was replaced with the kind of cedar shingles that would have originally covered the building.
- Stone is being added to the new concrete foundation.
- A local contractor will soon replace the rotten sills and add a new center beam.



An authentic cedar shingle roof was added this summer.



-Fund raising efforts made continued progress possible. The Edwin and Janet Bryant Foundation in Stoughton contributed \$7000, the Ruth Waterman Estate donated \$5000, an anonymous donor provided \$8000, two Friends food stands at the Oregon Horse Show and SummerFest added \$2052, and individual contributions exceeded \$700. The Committee and Town Board extend their appreciation to all who volunteered to work at the food stands or contributed to this project.

Next steps:

Late next spring we hope to start work on restoring the six windows. Since we are restoring to the year 1900, materials and labor cost more than if we follow contemporary standards. Period glass, for example, will cost about \$5000, where normal glass would be only several hundred dollars. Once the windows have been repaired, we will turn our attention to the siding and possibly the restoration of the deck that was attached to the front of the building.



New masonry contrasts with rotten sill that will be replaced in the coming months.

How you can help:

- Join the Friends of the Rutland Center Church and Cemetery. We suggest an annual contribution of \$25 but larger amounts will be gratefully accepted.
- The committee needs volunteers. Contact Dawn George, the town clerk at 608-455-3925 if you would like to help. We need people to serve on the committee as well as carpenters, painters and general labor help.
- Help with fund raising: we are thinking about operating food stands again next summer but we are open to other suggestions.

More Information: [www.rutlandchurch.org](http://www.rutlandchurch.org)

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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