



Rutland Center Church and Cemetery Committee

Annual Report

December 2007

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



Fund Raising:

- The Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission provided a grant of \$5000. This is the second grant given by that organization.
- The Committee operated two food stands, one at the Oregon Horse Association Horse Show and the other at Oregon's Summer Fest. The stands earned approximately \$2100.
- The Stoughton office of Thrivent Financial Services, through a project headed by Richard Waldschmidt, donated an additional \$1000 as a matching grant to our food stand sales.
- Donations from individuals exceeded \$1400 during the year.

New rim joists and a center beam are now in place and the stone work around the foundation is complete.



Left: Volunteers spent two weekends working on paint removal in October.

Activities During 2007:

- The rim joists and center beam were replaced or restored as needed.
- The stone work around the new concrete foundation was completed.
- The windows were removed and professionally restored.
- Volunteer crews began stripping paint from the walls.
- A contract was signed for completion of the exterior wood work.
- A furniture refinisher began researching restoration steps needed to refinish the church pews.

Next Steps:

Next summer we will complete paint removal and paint the building. The windows will be reinstalled and period glass will be added. Following the completion of the exterior wood work, we hope to add a deck to match the original. If time allows, the grounds will be landscaped, completing the exterior work for the project.

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

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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