



Friends of the

ROCKPORT Old Church



The Church Yesterday

The Rockport Church and Amusement Hall was built in 1892 by Robert Siddoway and Lorenzo Clark. The one-room building was used for church services and meetings and as a social hall for dances, weddings, and other community functions for over 60 years in the community of Rockport,



Utah. In 1954 the town and surrounding land were acquired by the United States Bureau of Reclamation to build the Wanship Dam and the church was moved to dry ground but was never used.

The white frame building deteriorated over the next 50 years. Birds flew in and out of the building while other animals made homes inside the walls. The floor became water-stained and warped beneath the leaky roof. Many people who used the group campsites at Rockport State Park asked about the old white building.

The historic interest grew and under the direction of Utah State Parks the church was restored, bringing life once again to the old building. Rockport State Park Manager Steve Hewson and the Utah State Parks North East Region maintenance crew worked hard in getting the church restored. Congratulations go to **Steve Hewson, Tom Walker, Richard Hawkins, Ben Welch, Joe Donnell, Ryan Dejong, Dick Smith** and others who helped with this historic project. The building received new insulation, roofing, siding, paint, and windows. Inside, old plaster was removed, doors and woodwork were rebuilt, and a furnace and electricity were installed. The original wood floor was beautifully restored. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held July 28, 2007, at Rockport State Park to commemorate the restoration of the church.

Funding for the restoration was received from Utah State Parks, the Park City Chamber of Commerce, and the Summit County Recreation Arts and Parks tax fund.

Now, music and dance once again echo from the hall and the sunlight shines through the restored windows giving the church a warm, welcoming light. Weddings, family reunions, community dances, and private parties are among the activities now enjoyed at this historic venue.

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The Church Today

We invite you to visit the Old Church and enjoy the community activities held there. Contact Utah State Parks to reserve the old church for your special event.

Join Us

We appreciate your support of the Old Church and invite you to join the Friends of Rockport Old Church. This historical society has been organized to help preserve, promote, and protect the cultural heritage of the Rockport Old Church and surrounding area. The Friends of Rockport Old Church is run in partnership with Utah State Parks. Please join us in preserving this historical gem in Summit County!

To reserve the church call:
800-322-3770
801-322-3770
Rockport State Park
435-336-2241

*We would love and encourage
you to become a member of this
historical group.*



Membership Application

Primary Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Membership Type: _____ Individual \$20

_____ Family \$25
(Immediate family living at home)
List family members here:

I am interested in helping with:

- Events
- Maintenance
- Educational programs
- Area history
- Fundraising

Other _____

Your investment in Friends of the Rockport Old Church is renewable annually. Friends of the Rockport Old Church has a 501c3 application pending, so your investment may be tax deductible. Contact Steve Hewson at 435-503-0234 or shewson@allwest.net for information.

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