

Local Collaboration Helps Church to Present Its Message

The First Universalist church in Central Square was recently graced with the expertise and craftsmanship of local artists, Debbi and Kevin Abbott. The church needed to update historical documents that were hanging in the sanctuary with current Unitarian-Universalist principles and sources. These principles and sources highlight the core values of the church and are now readily visible for the congregation and visitors. The project was made possible through a generous donation from the Martin family in memory of their parents, Hartley and Jane Martin. Hartley and Jane, longtime residents of Central Square, were active members and leaders within the church for many years. The Abbotts are also longtime residents of Central Square and have professionally framed many materials for the church. When funds became available for this important task, several members of the congregation immediately suggested having the Abbotts do the work again. “Our church is over 100 years old and is the only Unitarian-Universalist church in Oswego County. The sanctuary is a place of particular reverence and peace,” noted Reverend Andrea Abbott [no relation]. “The framing that was done preserves the beauty and character of this cherished space and is a meaningful legacy that will carry the message of the church into the future.”



In photo, left to right: Kevin Abbott, Debbi Abbott, Janie Garlow, Andrea Abbott