

PRESS RELEASE

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Used Clothing Donations for the Holidays

As the days get colder and the holidays approach, the First Baptist Church of Westwood is encouraging everyone to remember those in need, both here and abroad, by donating used clothing that is still in good, wearable condition. The St. Pauly Textile used clothing shed is located in the parking lot in front of the church at 808 High Street, Westwood, and drop-offs may be made at any time.

In addition to clothes and shoes, people are invited to donate bed linens, blankets and quilts, and curtains. Donors are asked to place items in a plastic bag to protect against dirt and the elements. There is a small box on the shed that contains receipts for tax purposes. However, please note that the following items cannot be accepted: furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, pillows, rags, and fabric scraps.

The used clothing shed is provided and maintained by St. Pauly Textile Inc., a Western NY based, family-owned, for-profit company and an A+ member of the Better Business Bureau. Their goal is to divert more clothing and textiles away from landfills and send them to people who can truly use them. They explain that there is an enormous global need for used clothing, and they are able to distribute clothing to organizations and people all over the world who can use it. They stress that all of the clothing and textiles they collect are used by someone somewhere. St. Pauly estimates that last year they collected roughly 22,000 garments from the First Baptist shed – garments that were kept out of landfills and instead helped clothe more than 2,600 people.

For more information, contact the First Baptist Church office at 781-461-1730.

