

## PRESS RELEASE

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### First Baptist Announces New Shutter Project

The First Baptist Church of Westwood is announcing a new shutter project. They are putting out a call for local artists who would like to paint or otherwise decorate old shutters and, at the same time, help support a worthwhile cause.

In 2020, the church offered artists the opportunity to paint some of the old shutters that had been removed from their historic meetinghouse. Because of the pandemic, the eventual auction of those shutters was held online and the money raised was donated to various charities.

At the time, several people expressed an interest in painting half-shutters. The church still has some of the shutters and is now offering half-shutters, which measure approximately 15 by 27 inches, to artists who would enjoy decorating them. They will then be sold at the church's annual Holly Fair which will be held on Saturday, December 3. The proceeds from the sale of the shutters will be divided between the church and the Boston-based non-profit organization Sunflower of Peace Foundation whose current mission is to support the people of Ukraine affected by the Russian military invasion. Further information about the foundation can be found on their website, [www.sunflowerofpeace.com](http://www.sunflowerofpeace.com).

Completed shutters will need to be returned to the church no later than Saturday, November 19. For further information and details of the project, anyone interested in decorating a shutter should contact the church office via email at [office@fbcwestwood.org](mailto:office@fbcwestwood.org) no later than October 15.



*A half-shutter created by Susie Masters for First Baptist's shutter project in 2020.*