

LITTLE WILLOWS
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Dear Parent,

Thank you for your interest in the *Little Willows* program at Willow Hill United Methodist Church. Below are answers to some important questions concerning the *Little Willows* program.

What is the Little Willows program? The mission of the *Little Willows* program is to minister to parents of toddlers and preschoolers by providing quality care for children in a safe, fun, and nurturing environment while enhancing their social, spiritual, and developmental growth. Our curriculum involves monthly “themes” and weekly scheduled lessons to support these themes in a fun and creative, yet structured way to maximize your child’s social, spiritual, and developmental experience. Children ages twenty months to five years old will experience a great variety of learning experiences as well as much needed repetition and routine in a 1-, 2-, or 3-day program. Children will engage in crafts, songs, games, stories, snacks, and other age-appropriate play- and faith-based activities. The purple and yellow classes are designed as mom’s day out programs, while the orange and blue classrooms are designed more as preschool-type classrooms with mom’s day out mission and flexibility.

How do I enroll? We have many families interested in the program and hope to serve as many as possible. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with enrollment open to Willow Hill members on February 26, current participants on February 27, and then to the public on March 5. To enroll your child, please complete and return the attached registration form to the church office. An **enrollment fee of \$25.00 per family**, payable to Willow Hill UMC, must accompany the registration form in order to secure your child’s spot. Once your materials have been received, you will receive a confirmation of your child’s placement within approximately two weeks. If your indicated choices are not available, you will be contacted in person or by phone to discuss alternatives. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at 383-2700 or ghulett@willowhill.org.

When does the program begin? The first children’s attendance days of Little Willows will be the week of Monday, September 10, 2012, from 9 a.m. until noon. There will be an orientation for all children and their parents or guardians on the afternoon of Sunday, September 9. You are encouraged to bring your child to the open house so he or she can meet the teachers and become familiar with the surroundings before being dropped off for class the first day. There may be a brief informational meeting for the teachers to introduce themselves to you and to answer some commonly asked questions. More details will be forthcoming.

What do I need to do or to have ready before then? By the first week of September, you will receive a welcome letter with information about the orientation and first attendance day. **Monthly tuition will be \$40 for a one-day a week child, \$70 for a two-day a week child, and \$95 for a three-day a week child.** Payment is expected the first attendance day of each month and is collected **September through May**. Please make checks payable to Willow Hill UMC. Each day of the program, please send a bag/backpack with your child. This bag should include a complete change of clothes/diapers in case of an accident and a sippy cup if needed. Please do NOT bring any toys or food from home. You do not need to bring anything with you to the orientation.

We are honored that you are considering sharing your child with us. We believe that every child is a gift from God, so children in our program are valued as unique individuals and have new adventures each week. We strive to work with parents to provide a loving, nurturing experience for every child who enters our program. We look forward to working with you and your child.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 383-2700 or ghulett@willowhill.org. Thanks again for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

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