

**LITTLE WILLOWS**  
**Willow Hill United Methodist Church**  
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2022-2023 School Year

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

**What is the Little Willows program?**

- Early childhood program providing quality care for children in a safe, fun, and nurturing environment while enhancing their social, spiritual, and developmental growth while preparing them for lifelong learning
  - 3-hour program (**9:00 a.m. – noon**) which runs mid-September through early May
  - Play-based and Christian-based curriculum organized into weekly themes
  - Fun, creative lessons with variety of learning activities along with much needed repetition and routine
  - 6 classroom options with developmentally appropriate classroom experiences (play, crafts, stories, etc.)
    - **Purple Monkeys:** Children **age 2 by June 1** of 2022 (Tuesday OR Wednesday)
    - **Orange Tigers:** Children **age 3\* by September 1** of 2022 (Monday/Wednesday)
    - **Orange Tigers:** Children **age 3\* by September 1** of 2022 (Tuesday/Thursday)
    - **Blue Dolphins:** Children **age 4\* by September 1** of 2022 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday)
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- \*Independent restroom skills are required for Tigers and Dolphins**

**How do I confirm enrollment?**

- Complete registration form from email or website and submit to director through email or postal mail
- Submit **enrollment fee of \$50.00 per family**, payable to Willow Hill UMC, to church office through postal mail
- Text @littlewill to 81010 to receive important reminders through text (Do NOT need the Remind app)
- Reply to [ghulett@willowhill.org](mailto:ghulett@willowhill.org) in August to confirm that your child will attend as enrolled

**What do I need to do or to have ready for the new school year?**

- Classes will begin September 12, 2022
- Obtain written proof of immunizations to submit to church office by October 1
- Purchase a plastic school supply box (about 6x9 inch size) and pair of scissors
- Prepare a backpack, with the following items, to send with child daily
  - a complete change of clothes in case of an accident or spill
  - spill-proof water bottle, filled with water
  - if necessary, a comfort item to ease separation from parent

**What is the cost of the program?**

- Tuition payments are due according to your choice of method below (**checks payable to Willow Hill UMC**)

	<u>1-day a week</u>	<u>2-days a week</u>	<u>3-days a week</u>
<b>9 equal payments</b> (collected September-May)	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$95</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>2 payments</b> (collected September & January)	<b>\$240/300</b>	<b>\$380/475</b>	<b>\$500/625</b>
<b>1 full payment</b> (collected in September)	<b>\$540</b>	<b>\$855</b>	<b>\$1125</b>

**Larger payments will be prorated for those joining during the current school year.**

Please contact Gina Hulett, Director, at 309-383-2700 or [ghulett@willowhill.org](mailto:ghulett@willowhill.org) for more information. We look forward to working with you and your child.