

Dear Church Street UMC Preschool Families,

I am writing to share that, after thoughtful discussion and review, the Preschool Board—together with preschool and church administration—has approved a **10% tuition increase beginning January 2026**.

Our teachers are our greatest asset and are essential to our continued growth and success. We remain committed to providing them with a living wage and to maintaining teacher-to-student ratios that are lower than state requirements. These lower ratios allow for more meaningful interactions, closer supervision, and a calmer, more nurturing environment for both children and teachers. When teachers feel supported through a healthy work environment, strong relationships with families, and fair compensation, they are more likely to stay in their roles and bring their best to the classroom each day. We believe that investing in our teachers directly benefits every child in our care.

In previous years, our preschool had access to supplemental income programs that helped offset tuition costs. Teachers were also able to receive tuition assistance and additional training through state-funded programs. As of September 2025, these grants and programs are no longer available.

Before approving this tuition increase, we reviewed many factors, including how our rates compare to other similar programs in Knoxville. For the current school year, our tuition falls in the lower half of programs within a 20-mile radius of Knox County. Even with a 10% increase, we anticipate remaining below the average tuition rates in our area.

Please review the attached 2026 tuition rates and reach out if you have any questions. Families with children who will remain enrolled in 2026 will receive an updated Tuition Agreement via Brightwheel. Please sign and return it at your earliest convenience. Your January 1st invoice will reflect the updated tuition rates.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Church Street UMC Preschool and for partnering with us in the care and education of your children.

Kind regards,  
Beth Scripa



## 2026 Monthly Tuition Rates

There is a \$100 one-time non-refundable enrollment fee due at the time of registration. There is a \$100 annual activity/supplies fee due in August each year your child is in attendance.

- Chart shows monthly tuition prices.
- Includes daily snacks (one for part-time students and two for full-time students).
- Tuition does not include meals or diapers and wipes.
- Inquire with the Preschool Director about our discounts for CSUMC church members and CSUMC Preschool employees.

	<b>Ladybugs</b>  (6 weeks-15 months)	<b>Fireflies, Dragonflies</b>  (12-30 months)	<b>Honeybees, Butterflies, Grasshoppers</b>  (30 months-5 years)
<b>Part-Time Monday-Friday 7:30-2:30</b>	\$1,100	\$880	\$715
<b>Full-Time Monday-Friday 7:30-2:30</b>	\$1,430	\$1,210	\$1,045