**Job Title:** Preschool Teacher's Aide – The Learning Tree

**Reports To:** Classroom Teacher

**Status:** Part-Time, Salaried (Non-Exempt)

**Hours:** Approximately 18 hours per week (MWF)

**Compensation:** \$8,000 annually

#### Overview

The Learning Tree is a ministry of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma, offering a 15-hour weekly preschool program for children ages 2–4. In alignment with the church's mission "To Reach People for Christ and Develop Deeply Committed Christians," The Learning Tree provides a nurturing and educational environment for young children. We are seeking a dependable and compassionate **Teacher's Aide** to assist in the classroom and support the daily work of our preschool teachers.

# **Primary Responsibilities**

- Assist the classroom teacher in implementing lessons, activities, and routines
- Provide direct care and support for children during learning, play, meals, and transitions
- Help maintain a safe, clean, and engaging classroom environment
- Participate in classroom setup, cleanup, and preparation of materials
- Observe and support children's individual needs under the guidance of the teacher
- Help model positive behavior, cooperation, and kindness
- Maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all interactions
- Support the values and mission of St. Paul United Methodist Church

## **Qualifications**

- Experience working with young children preferred, but not required
- Patience, flexibility, and a nurturing demeanor
- Ability to take direction and work collaboratively with teaching staff
- Willingness to grow in understanding of child development and classroom support
- Reliability and a strong sense of responsibility
- Background check and child safety training required prior to employment

### Work Schedule

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6 hours per day
  - 5 hours classroom support
  - o 1 hour prep/cleanup assistance

### **Work Environment**

As part of a church-based preschool, the Teacher's Aide plays a vital role in fostering a loving and developmentally appropriate atmosphere for our children. This position supports both the educational and faith-based mission of The Learning Tree and St. Paul United Methodist Church.

