

Deermeadows Baptist Church - Staff Changes 2021

The year 2020 brought challenges and opportunities for us all. COVID shut-downs and the departure of Mark and Sarah Groves gave the church staff the opportunity to re-evaluate staffing and alignment with Deermeadows' Values:

Worship Authentically Grow Spiritually Connect Relationally Serve Purposefully

Please pray for our staff through the transition of the following updates:

Minister Staff Shifts:

Worship Pastor: Please continue to pray for the work of the Search Committee. This role will lead Worship and Music ministries. In the meantime, **Mark O'Connor**, has expanded his role as the Orchestra Director to be the interim **Music and Worship Director**.

Senior Adult Pastor: **Len Sak** continues to lead Senior Adults and Adult 2 Bible Study classes, including pastoral care to homebound and assisted living residents. Len also supports the Benevolence Committee.

Connections Pastor: **Susan Payne** is leading ministry through Groups to help people grow spiritually and connect relationally. She will directly support the Adult 1 Bible Study classes. Susan is also supporting the Nominating Committee.

Student Pastor: **Chris Gillespie** continues leadership of the Student Ministry and will provide marketing and branding of Deermeadows by taking on all graphics design. Chris will continue support of the Missions Committee.

Kids Pastor: **Ansley Alfano** is broadening leadership of Kids ministry to include birth through 5th grade. This includes support of the childcare staff and ETC. Support of Weekday Preschool will transition at the end of this academic year. Ansley will support the Weekday Preschool Committee later this year.

Pastor Larry Yarborough thankfully remains the Senior Pastor, and **Tammy Benedict** continues managing the business aspects of the church as Church Administrator.

Administrative and Support Staff Transitions:

Communications Manager: **Laura Pasquith** maintains church-wide communications including eNews, website, church app, and various screens and signs. Laura creates and manages all forms and registrations. Reports to Tammy.

Pastor's Assistant: **Carla Freyre** provides administrative support to the Pastor and Deacons. She maintains the Prayer List and support of connection to homebound members. Reports to the Pastor.

Office Manager: **Maria Carnicelli** coordinates office operations and scheduling. She maintains the church membership records and attendance with our membership system. Reports to Tammy.

Front Desk Receptionist: **VACANT** will greet and assist front desk visitors, receive phone calls, and manage the church calendar. Reports to Maria.

Ministry Assistant: **Faye Johnson-Jones** supports the administrative and clerical needs of Adult and Student Ministries. Reports to Maria.

Kids Ministry Assistant: Cheryl O'Connor supports all Kids Ministry (birth through 5th grade). She schedules and manages childcare team and ETC. Reports to Ansley.

Music Ministry Assistant/Pianist: Valerie Pafford has a dual role as the church pianist and supports Music and Worship Ministry, including managing music library. Reports to Worship Pastor.

All other positions remain the same.