

New Beginnings



I greet you in the name of Christ, our Savior and Healer. My name is Maria King, and I have been appointed to you as your pastor. When I heard the news of my appointment, I was grateful and honored to be appointed to your churches as of July 1st. The events around us and within our hearts in 2020 are new and strange for us. The SPRC chairs from both congregations (Connie Hicks and Joe Lecompte) have been amazing to help me make a good start as your pastor. We are learning a new way of connecting to God and each other as a church. I look forward to meeting each of you with phone calls, emails, computer screens until our space is safe for physical gatherings. Please feel free to call me at 336-339-0504 if you have a need for me as your pastor.

My charge as a pastor is to lead the congregations in *Word, Table, and Order* according to the Discipline of the UMC. Through *Word*, I hope to explore scripture to renew our hearts, in *Table* I hope we can remember our sacraments to renew our call to ministry and with *Order*, we are called to "Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God." In these ways, I hope to equip you in your relationship with God and one another. I ask your prayers for our ministry together and to help me learn your story as individuals and as God's church.

For the last four years, my husband Guy, our kids Charlie (19) Caroline (16), and Olivia (6) have made our home in Summerfield, NC. The picture above shows all of the work I love to hold in my hands and share with my community. We built our house on my husband's grandfather's land. I am learning gardening and tending to my heart, family and home. I love to plant flowers outside and inside the house. I love puzzles of all kinds, painting and reading. My family and I love to watch sports and going to the beach. My parents live in Seagrove, NC and Guy's parents live in Charlottesville, VA.

There is more to share as we talk and pray with one another and I look forward to our sharing. I am so grateful for all the care and hospitality I have received during this transition and look forward to getting to know you and your story of God's grace.

Peace and Grace - Maria

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Worship Text In July

Sunday July 12 - Exodus 34: 1-9

Sunday July 19 - Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24

July 26 - Matthew 13: 31-33

Each week you will receive an email about live zoom worship or watch recorded worship online. If you are not receiving the emails or have questions about worship services on the web, please let me know.

Meeting Maria

Wednesday July 6th
Noon - 1pm and 6-7pm -
Zoom Call with Maria

If you are interested in the zoom link please email me at aking@wnccumc.org.

For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20

