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Happy Easter season to everyone! Although we were missing several of our Sunday School families who were away during school vacation/Holy Week, the Lord brought many new faces to our Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th. Of the seventeen families in attendance, nine were visiting our church for the first time. Many thanks to everyone who prayed for us and for the event—we definitely felt the Lord's blessing throughout the program! As the families were arriving, Carol Chodorow and Patrick Doyle led the children in singing a few Sunday School favorites such as "Father Abraham," "This Little Light of Mine," "Santo Santo," and "See the King Comes." Following the singing time, Cathy Mitchell told the Easter story using a set of "Resurrection Eggs." The children were quite engaged and eager to see what part of the story would be revealed by the next egg. After hunting for the eggs outside, we all enjoyed the goodies on the refreshment table—thank you to Cathy Drescher for making the coffee and organizing the refreshments! We concluded the morning with gifts of Easter books and the Second Annual Plastic Bunny Race! Thank you to everyone who helped with this event through prayer, filling the eggs, publicity, set-up/clean-up, leading the program and providing refreshments. You were all a part of the morning's blessings!

It's hard to believe that we only have another month and a half remaining for our Sunday School year! Be sure to mark your calendars for our Pancake Breakfast which will take place on June 19th at 9:00am. We will be celebrating our Sunday school year and honoring our fifth grade graduates: Caitlin Tobies, Jonah Kramnitz, Justin Duhamel and Will Doyle.

Please also take note of the dates for our Vacation Bible School: July 18th to the 22nd. We will be collaborating with Union Congregational Church this year and "setting sail" together on a High Seas Expedition through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We will travel back in time to the days of the early church and learn about the believers' lives and journeys of faith. What happened to the disciples after Jesus went back to heaven and the Holy Spirit arrived? Do you think their experiences might have included imprisonment, shipwrecks, snake bites, miraculous healings and sharing all their earthly goods with one another? Please join us in July to learn the answer! Registration forms will soon be available in the foyer. Be sure to mark the dates and find your sea legs!