

ECHOES

Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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From The Senior Warden

Death, Taxes, and "the things that are God's"

Two big days are bearing down on us: Easter Sunday on April 21, and less than a week before that, income tax day on April 15, a bittersweet reminder of the old saying that nothing is certain in this world except for death and taxes. I think Will Rogers put it best when he said, "The main difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress is in session."

Easter, of course, is all about death, and life. Biological death is inevitable. It comes for us all eventually. Spiritual death, or separation from God, is also unavoidable, for sin separates us from God, and we all sin without exception. "The wages of sin is death," St. Paul writes in Romans, but this form of death need not be permanent. Through the crucifixion and resurrection of Easter, Jesus atoned for our sins and bridged the spiritual chasm of separation from God that our sins create.

And this brings me to taxes. (Stay with me; there's a connection.) One of my favorite passages from the Bible is in Matthew 22, when Jesus was questioned about paying taxes to the Roman government. The question was a trap – if he said "don't pay your taxes," he would be considered a dangerous agitator by the Roman authorities; if he said "pay your taxes," he would lose credibility with the Jews who hated the tax as oppressive and a moral affront to their religion. Instead of answering the question directly, Jesus poses a question of his own, and then provides instruction. Holding up a denarius coin, Jesus asks, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" The answer, "Caesar's." Then Jesus says, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

So when it comes to taxes, God tells us to pay what we owe. St. Paul writes, "Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes." But there is one debt – a huge one – that we do not have to pay on our own. By taking our sins upon himself in that first Easter, Jesus paid a debt that we all owe and that we all are incapable of paying. The full verse from the Romans passage quoted above reads, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Jesus paid a debt that we cannot pay, but it remains for us to ask ourselves, what are "the things that are God's" that we should give to God? I believe that the answer to this question is different for each individual. Each of us possesses unique gifts, and each of us has a unique calling from God.

Redeemer is blessed to have a great many individuals who are giving to the church and to the broader community in their own particular way. This is why the congregational life survey that we took last summer resulted in the overall assessment, "This church is spiritually vital and alive." For a church of our size, we have an *Continued on page 2*

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Vestry Meeting Minu		the monthly Vest Illetin board outsid	ry meeting can be found de the office.
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amazing level of energy and activity, and it takes help from a lot of people in a lot of areas to make that happen. If you haven't done so already, I urge you to ask yourself, what are your own special gifts that you have received from God and can give back to him through service at Redeemer or in our community?		pril 7 In memory niversary of his dea pril 14 Available fo	ith Given by Betty Lupo

April 28 Available for your dedication



I promise, you will find this much more fulfilling than paying your taxes.

Thanks be to God for Easter, for the promise of eternal life through Christ, and for all of the many blessings we have at Church of the Redeemer.

-Wallace

COMING INTO FOCUS

The Vestry has been working with Graham Kimak Landscape Design, LLC, to refine a concept plan showing improvements that could be made to the landscaped attractiveness on both sides of the curving church entrance driveway. In addition, more trees and plants for our spacious front lawn have been included in the concept plan. Incorporating the large patio you read about in last month's "Echoes" as well as a tastefully-done digital sign out front are also being explored. Investigation is occurring of the possibility of making this type sign become part of our existing large monument sign.

The primary purposes of these improvements would be to improve the visibility and attractiveness of Redeemer to passers-by and improve our ability to communicate upcoming special events or happenings at the church. The long-term impact of the improvements would be to increase awareness of the vitality and offerings of the church to the community. The goal: create an interest in visiting us to experience worship of the Lord, service in His name and fellowship.

At this stage the Vestry has provided feedback to the landscape architect about the initial concept plan. We've asked him to incorporate some suggestions made by our parishioners, then develop a cost estimate of the overall plan broken down into its major elements. This would give us the option to implement the plan on a piecemeal basis over time or proceed with doing all of it as drawn. Obviously, communication, financing options and assessment of support for proceeding will be a top priorities before any action is taken.

> Bill Heizer Membership Commission

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Dates to Remember

April 6	Clean-up Day 9am– noon
April 8	DOK Meeting
April 14	EYC
April 18	Maundy Thursday 6:30pm Service
April 19	Good Friday 12pm Service

- April 21 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30am Service 10:40am Egg Hunt
- April 25 ULTREYA 6:30pm at Christ Church
- April 28 EYC
 - May 4 Duck Derby

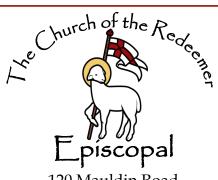


Redeemer's Rhythm for a Christian Life

- 1. Pray Daily
- 2. Gather in Worship Weekly
- 3. Study Faithfully
- 4. Serve Others
- 5. Share Your Story
- 6. Give Generously

<u>E.Y.C. April Focus</u>: **Make a Difference**

In any small way, an attempt at this is better than none at all. "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." - Mother Teresa



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The Vestry meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Administrator's office.

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Is a monthly newsletter of The Church of the Redeemer, Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month. Submit written info to the church office, email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corgsc.org

Christian Education

Spring is in the air!

After a cold and very wet winter, it is a welcome and beautiful sight to see all the flowers and trees blooming. What a great reminder that everything has a season. The trees and flowers may look withered and bare in the winter, but there are great things taking place during those cold and sometimes dreary days. Change may not be the outside. visible on but rest. nourishment, and growth are all happening on the inside. Just like Mother Nature has begun another spring season, I believe that we are also coming into our season of spring.

Father Mark, our interim priest, continues to do an incredible job of providing continuity and equipping us as we move forward in our search for a permanent rector. This last year has been a time of rest, recovery, and renewal for most of us at Redeemer. I am looking forward to the new growth that is taking place among all of us!

Sometimes, maybe we get a little too comfortable and are simply happy to keep things the way they are and not rock the boat. This is where Jesus steps in and shakes things up for us. We thought we knew the plan, and then He gently reminds us that He, is really the one in charge and only wants what is best for us and His church.

I am thankful that He is among us and dwells within this special place we call our church home. As we enter into this new season of growth and opportunity I encourage all of us to try something new. Share your ideas, volunteer your time, and grow with us both spiritually and physically. We will all be better for it!

> All in His name, Lori

Upcoming E.Y.C. (Episcopal Youth Community) MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

April 14 5-7pm EYC in Dove's Nest

April 21 Egg Hunt

Our annual egg hunt will take place following the conclusion of the 9:30 Easter morning service. We will gather in the Transept and the egg hunt will take place for all ages on the front lawn. Don't forget to bring your basket!

April 28 5-7pm EYC in Dove's Nest

May 4 10AM-4PM

Duck Derby in Downtown Greenville Help support the E.Y.C. and buy some ducks! They will receive 20% for every duck that is sold. This is the youth's biggest fundraiser this year. When paying online don't forget to designate, The Church of the Redeemer, as the group you are supporting.

<u>Deadline is May 1</u>

May 19 Youth Sunday

Last day of youth Sunday school

<u>June 2</u>

Project Host Soup Kitchen

June 10 to June 14

S.O.S. (Summer of Service) Join us for our 3rd annual S.O.S. We will learn about different organizations around the Greenville area that serve those in need.

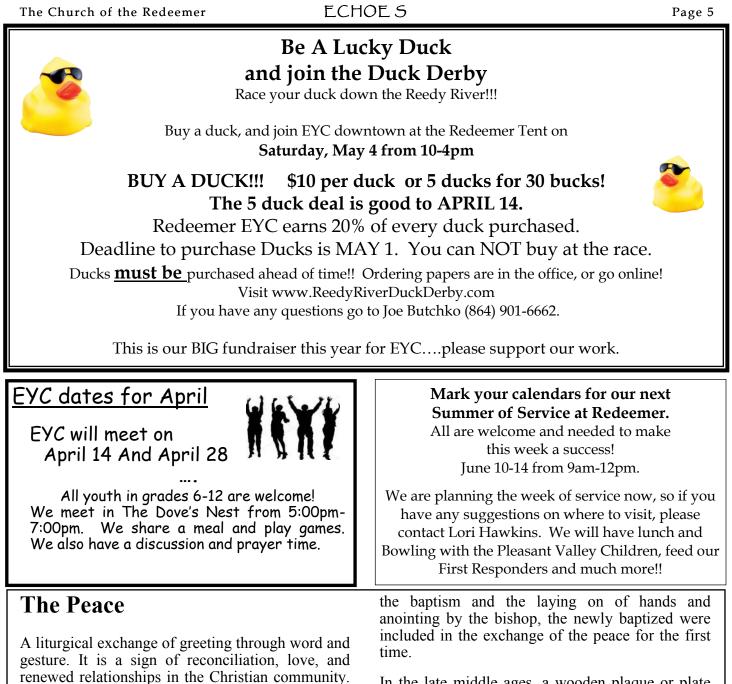
Nursery

Nursery is for ages 4 and under and opens at 9:15am every Sunday morning.

<u>We need on-going church volunteers to</u> support our paid staff in the Nursery.

Your support is needed for this vital church ministry! Please sign up for a Sunday using the sign up genius link in your e-Blast or contact Lori Hawkins. Thank you!!

Questions: Contact Lori Hawkins Ihredeemer@gmail.com 🙂



In the late middle ages, a wooden plaque or plate with a projecting handle was used to pass the peace without direct personal contact. It had an image of the crucifixion or another religious subject on the face. It was known as a Pax Board, Pax Brede, or Osculatorium. It was first kissed by the celebrant, and then passed to other ministers and members of the congregation who also kissed it. The custom of passing the peace by use of a Pax Board is now obsolete.

Excerpt from www.episcopalchurch.org/library

"I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" " John 16:33

The peace is an ancient Christian practice. The earliest references to the peace may be found in writings concerning the baptismal liturgies. After

It is initiated by the celebrant, who says, "The

peace of the Lord be always with you." The people

respond, "And also with you." The ministers and

people may greet one another in the name of the

Lord (BCP 332). Any appropriate words of

greeting may be used in the exchange of peace that

follows between individuals (BCP 407). The

gesture of greeting has been expressed in a variety

of ways, including a kiss on the cheek, an embrace,

a handclasp, or a bow. The peace is also known as the kiss of peace and the Pax (from the Latin,

"peace").

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Counters Needed

We are in need of more **counters** for Sunday after services. Counting requires two unrelated individuals to meet after service to **count** the offering monies. This takes about 10 minutes after church, it is **easy**, you work with a partner and it is a very **important** ministry! Please see or call Jane Bouton 864-907-5362 if you can help.

Christ Church Episcopal School is hosting several upcoming <u>Safe Church classes</u>.

Here are the class dates: April 7 1:00pm - 4:00pm April 25 12:30pm - 3:15pm

Classes are at <u>Christ Church School,</u> 245 Cavalier Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

To sign up please follow the link in the e-blast or contact Sue in the office.



<u>UTO - It's not too late!!</u>

If you missed bringing your "Blue Box" or getting your "Blue Envelope" into the offering - you can still participate!! We will be accepting your donations -

whether it is through blue boxes, blue envelopes, or by check put into the plate through the April 7!! United Thank Offering is thankful for all of you who have donated so generously!!

Always remember through all our coins, great things will happen!! Thanks!! Checks should be made out to

<u>The Church of the Redeemer</u> <u>Designated for UTO</u>

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Join us each Wednesday for prayers, supper, and study.

WEDNESDAY April 3, 10

6:30 PM Soup Supper7:00 PM "Enter His Gates" with Father Mark Moline



SHOES FOR WATER

Redeemer is collecting wearable shoes for the Shoes for Water project. Your shoes are sent to

Africa and sold there. The money collected is used to build water pumps in communities. Use the blue barrels and fill them up!

<u>UL/TREYA</u>



Will meet Thursday night at 6:30pm on April 25 at Christ Church.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Have you made Redeemer your new church home? Are you new to Redeemer?

If so, please be sure to fill out a new member form for the office. They can be found in the back of the visitors book in the Narthex, online at www.corgsc.org, or in our weekly E-blast.

Not sure if you filled this out yet? Call Sue in the Parish Office, she can help you with all of your parish needs....864-277-4562.

We invite you to join us on May 19 for our New Member Welcome Reception.





Please pray for Redeemer, our new Rector and especially our search committee as we continue the search for a new Rector.

Prayer for our New Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Financial Peace University at Augusta Road Library

F.P.U. is a step by step plan to help master budgeting, save for emergencies, and pay off debt. It is a 9 week class that will meet on Thursday's from 6:30-8:30pm beginning April 25.

There is no cost to attend. The instructors will provide teaching materials for the class. A family membership to F.P.U. can be purchased for \$109 if an attendee would like access to the lessons and other tools. If you would like to attend or have further questions contact Tiffany Sasser at Tiffany.Vonderbecke@amail.com



Flowers on the altar are more than just an adornment for the front of our sanctuary. It is an historical tradition to show our thanks and humility to the Lord. It is a symbol of recognition of His Glory. Dedicating the offering in the name of someone is a great honor. Our 2019 Altar dedication book is on the communication table for special dedications to be made. Special requests for flower type, color or arrangement style can be noted. Dedications are only \$35, but the awe of honoring his Glory cannot be measured.

Gary Powell in the Ukraine

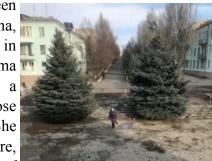
Transforming Roma Communities



Gary Powell has been having an impactful ministry with the Roma communities of Uzhgorod as he visits families in their homes and attends church home groups. Gary is visiting a home group in the Uzhansky Roma Camp where testimonies of healing were

shared, and prayers of thanksgiving were sent to heaven. Gary has built such a reputation of love that he is blessed to be invited into homes that most non-Roma would never be allowed to enter.

Gary has also been working with Darina, the only Christian in the Shakhta Roma Camp, who leads a small group of those seeking Jesus. She once ran a camp store, but her lack of



business acumen resulted in bankruptcy. She has asked us to help her re-establish the business and we placed a condition of our involvement that she receives Christian business training through a Christian Finance Club run through our lead church. This Finance Club has agreed to mentor her but shared that such training is done better within a group that shares their struggles and successes together. So, we pitched the idea to the Roma Church of Jesus Christ who immediately recruited six other people from their church who wanted this training in Christian business practices. This is another example of "bringing people together to help the oppressed."



Excerpt from the One Collective Newsletter February 2019

Stations of the Cross

Join Father Mark in the Sanctuary for Stations of the Cross each Friday during lent.

We will begin and end at the Altar, then depending on the weather, we will pray the stations of the cross throughout the Redeemer Campus. A great opportunity to see our new stations and prepare our hearts for Easter.

4:00PM- 4:30PM Fridays from through April 13 (if you would like to lead the prayers, please see Fr. Mark)

Employment Opportunities

Nursery Care Giver

The Church of the Redeemer, is seeking mature and caring individuals to care for infants and children Sunday mornings from 9:15am through 12pm. This is a part-time position. Applicants must be 18 or over and should have prior experience working with groups of children. Background and reference check required. Required Safe Church training will be provided. Must be willing to work occasional weeknights and holidays.

Part-time Organist/Choir Director

The Church of the Redeemer, is seeking an Organist and Choir Director for a part time position. Qualifications are as follows:

- **Required Skills:** Proficient on the organ. Knowledgeable of liturgical church music and open to both traditional and modern church music. Able to sight read music. Able to direct a choir, including coaching for harmony parts and vocal quality.
- **Education:** Degree in music (BA, BFA or higher) desired. Other formal training and related experience considered.
- **Experience:** Experience as an organist and choir director in a traditional church setting highly desired, especially in any of the liturgical denominations.
- **Other:** Employment is contingent upon providing necessary documentation to work legally in the US and successfully passing a criminal background check.
- **Please Note:** A new Allen Bravura two manual organ is located in the choir loft. An antiphonal organ is located in the front of the sanctuary. A standard upright piano is in the choir rehearsal room. A Yamaha digital piano is also available. Current weekly choir rehearsal held on Wednesday evenings.

Location: 120 Maudlin Road Greenville, S.C. 29605

Send Resume to parishadmin@corgsc.org

Contact: 864-277-4562

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April Readings				
Date	e 1 st Reading Psalms 2nd Reading		Gospel	
April 7	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Apríl 14	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 23:1-49
April 21	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:14-24	1Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18
April 28	Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

All youth Sunday school classes begin following the 9:30 worship service in the Education Hall.

Samaritan Honse

We are collecting **Canned Tuna** for Samaritan House for the month of **April**. Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you!

The Search Is ON!

The search committee continues to work diligently to find the right rector for The Church of the Redeemer.

The search is back on. Since the diocese re-opened the position listing, we have received some very promising applications. Hopefully, we will have some good news very soon.

Please keep the search Committee in your daily prayers as we work hard to find the right person to be Redeemer's next rector.



Pastoral Care Ministry

Eucharistic Visitor (EV)

There is a need within the Pastoral Care Ministry for at least two or three additional Eucharistic Visitors or EV's as they are also referred. EV ministry consists of lay people who have been trained to take and minister the Eucharist/ Sacraments to those in our parish family who cannot attend church.

For example those who are:

- Home bound because of ongoing illness, recovering from a hospital visit, no longer have transportation means, etc
- In a hospital or rehabilitation center, or for some other reason is not able to attend church service

You will be trained, shadow an experienced EV during their visits, then lead a visit or two with the experienced EV shadowing you, so you can better understand what it is like putting into practice what you have learned. Then when you feel comfortable, you will be given your own wings to fly.

This ministry is a great way to become more involved with your church, interact, and learn more with your fellow church members. If you feel that this might be a ministry that the Lord is calling you to help with, please contact Sue Bannio in the parish office, or myself.



Greg Brown Pastoral Care Leader 864.346.9124; gregdbrown2@juno.com

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April• Ministry Schedule					
	April 7	April 14	April 2 1	Apríl 2 <i>8</i>	
Greeters	Judy Planck Ken Wood	Bill Lee Tracy Butchko	Beth & Robbie Hamilton	Celia Jernigan Margaret Lee	
Acolytes	tes Bill Lee Debbie Price George Poleski Sadie Butchko Sarah Meade Robin Mill Malain Houston William Meade John Helm Jackie Houston		Matthew Derrick Will Derrick Riley Hawkins		
Lector 1	Margaret Lee	Bill Heizer	Rick Hankinson	Betty Boesch	
Lector 2	Dot Sanders	Bill Lee	Katie Houston	Meta Goodman	
2nd Chalice	Ted Sanders	Robin Mill	Judy Planck	Wallace Lightsey	
Altar Guild	uild Dick & Margaret Lee Judy Planck Margie Hankinson Katie Broderick Stephany Austell Sandy Oliver Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey Judy Derrick		Meta Goodman Bricelyn Cantey	Judy Planck Carolyn Prosio Cindy Wilson Janet Poleski	
Flower Guild	Robin Mill	Louise Heizer	Louise Heizer All Arrangers		
Counters	Meg Coffey John Helm	0,		Carol Hallman David Mill	
VERGERS	David Poleski	Judy Planck	Joe Butchko	Betty Boesch	



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Kinslee Sink
- 2 Lola Russo
- Melody Daniel
 Kathy Moore
 Brian Johnson
 Manning Zacher
- 5 Amos Irwin Ken Wood
- 6 Connie & Don Howard
- 7 Dick Lee

- 8 Claire Allen Stephen Howard
- 9 Stacy Masengill
- 12 Susan & Nick McConnell
- 14 Margie & Rick Hankinson
- 15 Cloye Witham
- 16 Stephany Austell Annette Burdette Robert Moore
- 18 Ronan Entwistle

18 Diane & Bill Campbell

- 20 Hunter Massengill
- 21 Kaitlyn Massengill
- 24 Lisa Brooks Diane Campbell Gary Powell
- 25 Ken Nall
- 26 Susan McConnell
- 27 Celia & Clark Jernigan
- 30 Wendy & Richard Caney

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear. Please notify parishadmin@corgsc.org to update our records.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am-3pm Classical Conversation 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	2	3 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 6:30 pm LENTEN SUPPER & STUDY	4 10am Needlecraft 3 pm YAMS	5 OFFICE CLOSED 4pm Stations of The Cross	6 9AM CLEAN UP DAY 11 am AA (Sacristy) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
7 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 Sunday School	8 9am-3pm Classical Conversation 6 pm DOK 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	9 6 pm Finance Committee 5-7pm Classical Conversation Celebration	 10 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA 6:30 pm LENTEN SUPPER & STUDY 	11 3 pm YAMS	12 OFFICE CLOSED 4pm Stations of the Cross	13 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
14 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with Palm Procession 10:45 Sunday School 5pm EYC	15 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON Tax Day	16	17 NO SERVICE 12 pm AA	18 Maunday Thursday 6:30PM Service with Eucharist and Strip- ping of the Altar 8PM Watch with Jesus Prayer Vigil	19 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 Noon Solemn Good Friday Service	20 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
21 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 am Easter Festival Service 10:40 Easter Egg Hunt	22 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting 6 pm ACOA 8 pm AL-ANON	23	24 10:30 am Service Communion With healing 12 pm AA	25 3 pm YAMS 6:30 Ultreya Christ Church	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 11 am AA (Purser Hall) AL-ANON (Transept) 5 pm Hispanic Service
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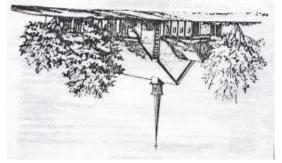
Sunday 9:30AM Service Wednesday 10:30 AM Service

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Do you know anyone who would like a copy of our Echoes newsletter? send us address changes via email: parishamin@corgsc.org.

Has your address changed?

And EGG HUNT to follow! 9:30am EASTER SUNDAY!



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