

Director of Communications Report

February 24, 2018

As always, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you and my gratitude to God for the opportunity to serve the Southern Ohio District Church of the Brethren. I see this ministry as one of my greatest blessings.

--I continue attending to my usual tasks of newsletter, website, and other communications, with some additional time spent looking over the website and updating areas I haven't given attention to recently such as the directory pages, congregational pages, etc. It seems just when I have things updated, there is a change, so this is continually on my to do list.

--As reported in the Connections Commission Report, the first edition of "Together" magazine is now in the design phase. Even though there was a time when I doubted it could happen, we ended up with plenty of material. I find it is just a matter of asking the right folks. We have another meeting of the staff scheduled for March 26 to begin working on the fall edition.

-- While the magazine is with the designer, I am working on updating the data base with new addresses. Several congregations have requested that the magazine be sent to their entire directory list. Updating the information requires that I type in each individual address manually. Takes time!! But I'm working my way through it. I've added Lower Miami, Salem, and part of Donnel's Creek. I still need to add the rest of Donnel's Creek and West Charleston. However, it is exciting to see both the mailing address data base and our email list growing, and realize that even more folks will soon have direct access to the information we send out.

--Next funds appeal letter will be mailed the end of June. A topic has not yet been determined.

-- Soon I will need to begin working on filling my volunteer schedule for Annual Conference. I am the ticket sales coordinator. I usually require only 10-12 volunteers. Most of the work is done the day before conference begins and the first couple days of conference. Conference begins July 3 this year, so my work will begin on the 2nd. If anyone feels like they would like to help out, let me know. I will be setting up two hour shifts so it shouldn't be too much for anyone. It's a fun way to volunteer and meet folks as they arrive at conference.

-- I've been working with Debbie Noffsinger to design a new logo for Southern Ohio/Kentucky District. I've uploaded a few I'm considering. Your input would be appreciated.

Respectfully,  
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