

Newsletter Editor Report
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In addition to playing havoc with other aspects of our lives, the coronavirus has also disrupted our newsletter schedule. The July 2020 issue should have had the annual meeting as its focus, but there was no annual meeting. So we decided to do an issue focusing on the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic and notice the parallels that were in common with the coronavirus pandemic. Of course, we included some of the usual items as well. (Again, thanks to the GCAH with their assistance in some articles and pictures from 1918.)

We were in the process of preparing a newsletter for May of this year, when the executive committee decided to do a virtual meeting. Since the newsletter is mailed bulk third class, we felt the newsletter would not be received in a timely manner related to the date of our virtual meeting so we sent a postcard first class announcing the meeting. A newsletter will be mailed sometime this Summer and then the next issue will not be until early 2022 which will contain the details and registration for our May 2022 meeting. (The executive committee will need to decide which issue should include the donation envelope.)

As many of you know, there was a Local Church Historian School held by the GCAH in September 2020. Pat Thompson had names and addresses of all the attendees and forwarded the NEJ portion to me. I added them to our mailing database which brings our list to 491 names. Only four of the postcards announcing the virtual meeting were returned due to address issues. We are trying to keep the returned mail to a minimum.

We are always looking for material to include in the newsletter. Remember we are only the designer and editor, not necessarily the writers. We do appreciate the articles and pictures we receive. It does make our work much easier.

Janice & Harold Ulmer