

## 36TH STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST <br> 610 36th Street Vienna, WV 26105



## A Thought From Mark...

${ }^{* * *}$ Important Stuff ${ }^{* * *}$
*TODAY - KIDFEST PLANNING MEETING - 5:00 PM
Our Fall KIDFEST is approaching fast - on September $16^{\text {th }}, 10: 00-2: 00$, in our parking lot here at the building. I need my staff to come and get organized at this meeting, and I need my staff to increase as much as possible! This is a great way to meet and greet people in our community that we are charged with reaching. It is a chance to introduce local children to the church and what it offers! What better thing could we do? See you TODAY day at 5!
**September $6^{\text {th }}-$ Acts class resumes!
I hope you have enjoyed Summer Series if you have been in it these last many weeks. The series will end on August $30^{\text {th }}$. My class on the book of Acts will then resume where we left off in the late spring in the MP Room. Hope to see you all back. And if any want to come who did not before, you are welcome, and we will get you up to speed quickly!

## *** WELCOME TO ELIZABETH MENEAR!

As you probably know, we recently welcomed a new office staff member, Miss Elizabeth Menear! She has been on the job in the secretary's office for a couple of weeks now and has hit the ground running and is doing a great job while learning the job. I hope you have welcomed Elizabeth aboard and appreciate her work for us.

A special word of thanks to John Eckhart and Tracey Mason who have transitioned out of the secretarial work they share here for some time. What a great job they both did serving the congregation in these important roles! Much appreciation goes to John and Tracey. Job well done!!
****Welcome OVU students!
Classes begin tomorrow at OVU and we look forward to seeing students in our midst once again on a regular basis, and taking their part in the work of the Kingdom here locally. Make sure to go out of your way to welcome a student to $36{ }^{\text {th }}$ Street!

## Mission Report

Thank You Note
Dear Church,
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
On behalf of the Church here in Meru, allow me to thank you for praying with us about the recent elections in Kenya. The 2017 elections were a little bit more peaceful than the previous ones. The American envoy John Kerry, and the European Union envoys commended Kenya for the peaceful process.

The biggest challenge facing the country right now is that about $50 \%$ of those who lost in various positions wouldn't concede defeat and wouldn't sign the necessary documents. They say that their votes were stolen, the officers conducting the process had been bribed by their opponents, and some even allege that the system was hacked by people they have no idea about.

The presidential race was won by the incumbent President Uhuru Kenyatta who is a son of the first president of Kenya. The loser was Raila Odinga, son of the first Vice-president of Kenya. Raila Odinga's refusal to concede defeat has resulted to chaos in his political strongholds. Fighting and looting have been reported in the Western part of the country and in the two major slums in Nairobi - Kibera and Mathare slums.

The problem we are facing here in Meru is that the incumbent Governor Peter Munya has lost and wouldn't concede defeat. He has been quoted saying that he will seek legal address before handing over power if he ever will. The County government has stopped functioning because there is basically no one in the offices. County government workers including nurses and doctors have not been paid and wouldn't go to work. Businesses have been closed for fear of chaos erupting. We are praying that he accepts defeat for the sake of peace in the Meru region.

On a different note, may I also thank you for your prayers about my wife's complications with the pregnancy. Please keep praying on this - our next appointment with the doctor is on Friday 25th next week.

Wish you all well and may God shower you and those you love with His sweet blessings.
Geoffrey,
Meru , Kenya




