

# Mexico First United Methodist Church Welcomes Reverend Guerschom Saint Ange



**Rev. Guerschom Saint Ange, a life-long Methodist**, was born on January 10, 1960, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He joined his family in the US at the age of 18. From 1986 to 2001, he was a limo driver. Being in ordained ministry was his childhood dream. However, he had dismissed this dream until some members at Premiere Eglise UMC, where he was also a member, discerned his call and shared that with him. He obtained a BA from the College of New Rochelle in 1997 and a Master of Divinity from New York Theological Seminary in 2004.

To devote himself to his call, in 2002, he left his lucrative limo business and enrolled full time in the CPE program at the Episcopal Health Services. From 2002 to 2006, Guerschom served as a chaplain at St. John's Episcopal Hospital, Bishop Hucles Nursing Home, Bishops McLain Nursing Home, and Bedford Hills correctional facilities. He became a probationary member of the New York Annual Conference in June 2006. He served as the Pastor of Sloatsburg UMC from July 2006 to June 2007, UMC of the Tarrytowns from July 2006 to June 2007, St. Matthew's UMC and Ossining UMC from July 2007 to June 2014, and Asbury UMC Mount Vernon from July 2014 to June 2017. He is now appointed to Minetto UMC; as of July 1 will head the ministry at Mexico UMC also.

Guerschom is happily married to Paula and has two children: Claire, 22 years old, and Patrick, 20 years old. He has a special love to minister to the elderly and the shut-ins. He serves by his motto "preach the Gospel if necessary use words."

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## July Birthdays

1st-Jean Irwin  
2nd- Joanne Barnes, Millie Murray  
3rd-Chase Parker  
4th-Paul Vautrin  
5th-Patricia Smith  
7th-Doug Irwin  
9th – Bill Lindovski  
10th-Linda Robinson  
11th-Joan Rouse  
13th-Terry Grimshaw, Wayne Weber  
14th-Doanne Hurlbut  
16th-Jim Sokolowski  
19th Jonita Greenhouse, Karen Grimshaw, Jeanette Spicer  
20th-Robert Halstead, Barb Lighthall, David Coonrod, Shirley Tourot  
21st- Alyssa and Andrea Ross  
22nd-Don Field  
23rd-Madelyn Schmidt, Jim Smith  
25th-David Hurlbut  
29th Kaitlyn Linerode  
31st-Skip Hall

## August Birthdays

1st-Niles Greenhouse, Mary Mack  
4th- George Monson  
6th- Jessica Parker  
7th- Noah Spencer  
11th- Gary Hurlbut  
14th-Elyse Skiles  
17th- David Munger  
20th- Gail Hurlbut, Ernie Warren  
23- Katelynn Spaulding  
24th-Missy Gorton  
26<sup>th</sup> Cathy Stock  
27<sup>th</sup> Duane Griffin

Mexico First UMC Change in Service  
Time: Starting July 4, 2021, Church Service will now take place at 9am.

## Congratulations to Our Graduates

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**Joseph Becker**  
**Zianna Gorton**  
**Olivia Linerode**



Mexico First UMC  
mourns the loss & sends  
condolences to the family  
of Connie Ellison who  
passed away on July 2.



## Upper Room Available Now: By Sue Morton

The Church Growth Group of our church purchases the bi-monthly devotional publication, **The Upper Room**, for members of our church to pick up and use in their daily devotionals. 20 regular print copies are ordered, and 10 large print versions are ordered. Due to COVID restrictions these past months, they were not available in the Narthex to be picked up but instead were handed out to members who expressed an interest. **Toward the end of August they will be available to be picked up in the Narthex for you to take home and use in your daily devotionals.**

*The **Upper Room** is published in Boone, Indiana, and features daily inspirational stories written by everyday people from all walks of life. Pick up a copy the next time you are in church. You will be glad you did!*

# Outreach Requesting Donations for Blessings Box

Outreach committee is requesting some assistance from the congregation to continue filling our blessing box.

If you are unaware, we have a blessings box in the parking lot of our church, where we invite anyone who is struggling to come and take what they need. It is designed to help folks who are food insecure, get by when they find themselves unable to make ends meet.

Did you know that there are over 15,000 food insecure people living in Oswego County? That's 13.4% of the total population \*

**You could help a family eat tonight by making a donation to our blessings box.**

\*Source: FeedingAmerica.org

**If you feel called to donate, the following items are suggested:**

- Canned goods (with pull tops if able)
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Breakfast Bars
- Shampoo & Conditioner (even travel size!)
- Bar Soap
- Personal Items
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce



*\*Please only put shelf stable items in the blessings box. Please also avoid anything that is expired or in a glass container.*

## How it works:

- 1) You purchase items for the blessings box.
- 2) You put the items in the blessings box.
- 3) When someone is in struggling, they will come to the blessings box & take what they need.

*Please contact an outreach team member with any questions.*

## September Birthdays

- 1st- David DeLong
- 5th- Millie Hutson
- 6th- Rose Ann Myers, Maggie Palmer
- 8th- Brenda Hotchkiss
- 11th- Cindy Monson, Nellie Roberts
- 16th- Gary Day
- 18th- Cindy Ross, George Grants
- 24th- Lisa Spencer
- 26th- Bill Butman
- 27th- Diane Sokolowski, Victoria Ross
- 29th- Jenn Jackson
- 30th- Zianna Gorton

## July Anniversaries

- 7th- Earl and Muriel DeLong
- 11th- Mike and Kelly Freihofer
- 16th- Skip and Christy Hall
- 20th- Chuck and Jessica Parker
- 22nd- Jeremy and Lisa Spencer
- 28th- James and Carol Watros
- 30th- Jeff and Carol DeLong

## August Anniversaries

- 3rd- Everett and Linda Robinson
- 6th- Chuck and Dotty Parker
- 7th- Jim and Diane Barbur
- 11th- Jeff and Marcia Albrecht
- 12th- Eric and Lori Behling
- 21st- Duane and Sue Morton
- 24th- Ed and Barbara Lighthall

## September Anniversaries

- 5th- Bill and Maggie Palmer
- 6th- Duane and Norma Griffin



# Have Something You Want To Submit for the Church Newsletter?!


If you have something you would like added to the next newsletter please reach out to Joelle Hutson via email at: [joelledimon@yahoo.com](mailto:joelledimon@yahoo.com)

**See you in  
Church!**



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