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A Service of the Word



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"Be the peace you wish to see in the World."

--Martin Luther King Jr.

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

**please stand as you are able,*

Prelude - Betty Funk

***Call to Worship**

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.

Many: Today, followers of the Way gather in many places,

One: From Jerusalem to Galilee, from Pago Pago to Apia.

Many: From Rome to Arabia, from Las Vegas to Cleveland.

One: God's Spirit still blows like a mighty wind

Many: Breathing new life into the sails of our canoes.

One: God's Spirit still burns like tongues of flame

Many: Dancing over the heads of our Toa* [TOH-ah] (brave ones).

One: God's Spirit still flows like currents of living water

Many: Connecting hearts and islands of all believers.

One: Praise God! Viia le Atua! [vee-EE-ah leh ah-TOO-ah]

Many: Viia le Atua! Praise God!

All: Let us worship God, from whom all life's blessings flow!

***Invocation**

O Holy Spirit, come and blow through this gathering space as Mighty Wind as you did with the apostles at the beginning of the Church. Pour your Spirit upon us all, both colonized and colonizer, of all ages, all genders, to speak your words, see your vision, dream your dreams toward

your great and glorious day when everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Flow like rivers of living water from the hearts of believers through the songs of praise, words of worship, and prayers of devotion. Amen!

***Hymn – NCH 42 - O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Author: Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Composer: Carl G. Gläser, 1828

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**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God's grace!**

**2 My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

**3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
is music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace!**

**4 Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
by all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.**

A READING OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

On the day of Pentecost, when the Jewish people had gathered in Jerusalem fifty days after Passover, they gathered to celebrate the festival of the first fruits of the garden and the Torah being given to Moses at Sinai, the festival of Shavuot. The disciples were all together when they felt the rush of wind so powerful it shook the room they were in, and divided tongues, as of fire, appeared above them. Suddenly, the disciples could speak all the languages of the Jewish diaspora around the Mediterranean. Some of the crowds were perplexed, others said they were drunk, but Peter boldly declared that this was what God spoke through the prophet Joel, that the Holy Spirit was to be poured out on everyone. This was a sign of God's faithfulness and God's power upon the people, and there would be even more signs to come as prophesied of the day of the Lord.

2 1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one place. 2 Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were

sitting. 3 Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

5 Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, 6 and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. 7 They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! 8 How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? 9 We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—11 all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

12 All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” 13 But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.”

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! 15 These people are not drunk as you think—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! 16 No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of:

17 ‘In the days to come—
it is our God who speaks—
I will pour out my Spirit
on all humankind.
Your daughters and sons will prophesy,
Your young people will see visions,
and your elders will dream dreams.

18 Even on the most insignificant of my people,
both women and men,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

19 And I will display wonders
in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below:
blood, fire and billowing smoke.

20 The sun will be turned into darkness
and the moon will become blood
before the coming of the
great and sublime day of our God.

21 And all who call upon the name
of our God will be saved.’



Pentecost, 2013
James Lynch, Oil –
Hurtado Jesuit Centre, <http://hurtadocentre.org.uk>

Psalm Response: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Responsively)

These verses are from a great psalm praising God for all of creation. In this portion, the writer speaks of God's wisdom, often associated with the Holy Spirit, and how in wisdom God made all creatures and how God provides for everything in due season. When God's Spirit is sent forth, life is renewed, especially plant life as it grows and provides oxygen for us to breathe. The word for spirit in Hebrew, ruach, also means wind and breath. Every living thing that has breath has the Holy Spirit. The psalmist praises God for all of God's works in creation, for they are so awe-inspiring they cause the singer to tremble. The author blesses God and prays that their meditation will be acceptable and pleasing to God, the audience of this psalm.

104 24 O God, what variety you have created,
arranging everything so wisely!
the earth is filled with your creativity!

25 there's the vast expanse of the sea,
teeming with countless creatures,
living things large and small,

26 with the ships going to and fro
and Leviathan whom you made to frolic there.

27 All creatures depend on you
to feed them at the proper time.

28 Give it to them—they gather it up.
open your hand—they are well satisfied.

29 Hide your face—they are terrified.
Take away their breath—they die and return to dust.

30 send back your breath—fresh life begins
and you renew the face of the earth.

31 Glory forever to God!

May you find joy in your creation!

32 You glance at the earth and it trembles;
You touch the mountains and they smoke!

**33 I will sing to you all my life,
I will make music for my God as long as I live.**

34 May these reflections of mine give God
as much pleasure as God gives me!

**35 May the corrupt vanish from the earth
and the violent exist no longer!
bless God, O my soul!
Alleluia!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12 about the gifts of the Spirit. There are a variety of gifts, but they are all from the same Spirit of God. They are all different—prophecy, healing, teaching, discernment, speaking in different tongues, interpretation of different tongues, wisdom, knowledge, miracles, etc.—all different gifts from the same Spirit. Just as the body has many members, so also the diversity of members and their gifts make up the one body of Christ, into which all believers are baptized. One body, one Spirit.

12 3 By the same token, no one can say, “Jesus Christ reigns supreme,” unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

4 There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. 5 There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One. 6 There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them. 7 To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

8 To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit. 9 Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; 10 and still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues. 11 But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them as she wills.

12 The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts—many though they are—comprise a single body. And so it is with Christ. 13 It was by one Spirit that all of us, whether we are Jews or Greeks, enslaved or citizens, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

The Gospel reading today is John’s account of the arrival of the Holy Spirit. On the same night Jesus rose from the dead, when the disciples had gathered in a room and shut and locked all the doors for fear of some of the religious leaders, Jesus appeared before them, said, “Peace be with you,”

breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." In a similar way of the elders of Israel receiving the same Spirit that was on Moses, so too did Jesus's disciples receive the Spirit and the power and authority to forgive sins.

20 19 In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, 21 who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you."

22 After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

Choral Response – His Name is Wonderful

Music by Audrey Mieir, 1959

Choir: Keith Konet, Bob Bucklew and Barbara Rossington

Accompanist: Betty Funk

Reflection – "All Filled with the Holy Spirit" by the Rev. Scott Rosenstein

WE RESPOND

***Prayer of Response**

Prayer

(can be sung to the tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem")

**O Holy Spirit of our God,
descend to us we pray.**

**Lead us from sin to enter in
relationship today.**

**We hear the Spirit's calling
Our baptism like birth—**

**To clean our air in grateful care;
One love, one faith, one earth.**

O Holy Spirit, come upon us, breathe in us and stir in us. Remind us of the gifts you have given us for your good work here on earth, to love one another, and to meet our neighbor's needs as you have called us to do. We know that when we love one another, we are loved. When we care for one another, our needs are met. Your Spirit intercedes and binds us together. May we be open to the movement of your Spirit in our world, in our communities, and in our lives, for you make all things new. Call us into the faithful work of your Spirit's love. Amen.

***Hymn – On Pentecost They Gathered (tune of “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” - NCH 216)**

On Pentecost They Gathered

Author: Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

Tune: ST. THEODULPH (VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN) 7.6.7.6 D

Composer: Melchior Teschner, 1615

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**1 On Pentecost they gathered
quite early in the day,
a band of Christ’s disciples,
to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing,
filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing
inspired each person there.**

**2 The people all around them
were startled and amazed
to understand their language,
as God in Christ they praised.
What universal message,
what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen
to vanquish all our fear.**

**3 God pours the Holy Spirit
on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children
who would God’s grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit,
bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming,
responds in every hour.**

**4 O Spirit, sent from heaven
on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us
in all life’s ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen
and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation
glad songs of joy shall raise.**

***Invitation to Share Our Tithes and Offerings**

At the birth of the Church, all who believed were together and had all things in common: they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. The work

of le Agaga Paia (leh Ah-NGA-nga Pah-EE-ah), the Holy Spirit, flows like living water from the hearts of believers. Shall our confidence in the mission of our congregation and the wider church also overflow freely with the generosity of the faithful? May each of our families give without measure so that the larger family of faith may be a vessel of Good News to the world!

The Offertory - *Betty Funk*

***Presentation of Offerings - Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Blessing of the Gifts**

Heavenly God, even as the first believers did in the early church, we lay our gifts at the feet of the apostles.

May these gifts support the ministry of our congregation as well as strengthen the wider United Church of Christ and our church partners and family here and everywhere.

Give our leaders gifts of discernment for the wisest possible use of these resources which we dedicate to you today. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you! Amen.

Choir Hymn – NCH 283 – Spirit of the Living God

Author: Daniel Iverson, 1926
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Tune: IVERSON
Composer: Daniel Iverson, 1926
Choir: Bob Bucklew, Keith Konet, & Barbara Rossington
Accompanist and Choir Director: Betty Funk

Memorial Day Confession

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Dominion in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Dominion in the next. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,**

On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever.
Amen.

GOING FORTH

***Parting Hymn – NCH 286 – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Author: James K. Manly, 1978; alt.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.

Composer: James K. Manly, 1978

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Refrain:

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

**1 You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
“Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.”**

[Refrain]

**2 You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.**

[Refrain]

3 You sang in a stable,

you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

[Refrain]

4 You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise.

[Refrain]

*Commissioning and Benediction

One: The shutters of our hearts have been flung open
by the fresh breath of God!

Many: We will go to offer God's love to everyone around us.

One: Our souls have been set on fire
by the justice of the Brother of the poor.

**Many: We will go to share visions of hope,
to listen to the dreams of those who are oppressed.**

One: Our loneliness and fears have been set aside
by the Spirit of inclusion creating community.

**Many: We will speak words of peace to all we meet,
we will open ourselves to the gifts of others. Amen.**

*Postlude - Betty Funk

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NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

God is Still Speaking...

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you will find a spiritual home in this United Church of Christ congregation. WELCOME!

Tithes and Offerings - Checks and Money Orders can be made payable to: "Zion United Church of Christ" and placed in the offering basket or mailed to:

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c/o Keith Konet
1039 Bridlewood Drive
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Administrative Assistant, Beverly Wurm

Beverly began a part-time position with us. She is keeping some limited Office Hours at church (2700 W.14th) /home. The days and hours are:

Monday – 9am – 1pm

Wednesday – 10am-2 pm

Thursday – 9am – 1pm

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Eastertide –Festival Season in the liturgical calendar of Christianity, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – and our new resurrected life in the realm of God. It begins on Easter Sunday, which initiates Easter Week in Western Christianity, and Bright Week in Eastern Christianity. Traditionally lasting 40 days to commemorate the time the resurrected Jesus remained on earth before departing (the period between Easter Day and the Ascension), 20th century liturgical revision has led some western churches to expand Eastertide to 50 days to conclude on Pentecost.



Pentecost by Mark Wiggin

Espoused to Him -

[Http://hcikfs.blogspot.com/2016/05/](http://hcikfs.blogspot.com/2016/05/)

Pentecost – May 28, 2023

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).

Pentecost is one of the Great feasts in the Eastern Orthodox Church, a Solemnity in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, a Festival in the Lutheran Churches and the United Church of Christ, and a Principal Feast in the Anglican Communion.

Many Christian denominations provide a special liturgy for this holy celebration.

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek Πεντηκοστή (Pentēkostē) meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish harvest

festival of Shavuot celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. It is also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days" in rabbinic tradition.

The events of Acts Chapter 2 are set against the backdrop of the celebration of Pentecost in Jerusalem. The author begins by noting that the disciples of Jesus "all met in one place" on the "day of

Pentecost" (ἡμέρα τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς).[Acts 2:1] The verb used in Acts 2:1 to indicate the arrival of the day of Pentecost carries a connotation of fulfillment.

There is a "violent, rushing wind" (wind is a common symbol for the Holy Spirit) and "something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire" [Acts 2:3]. The gathered disciples were "all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as she enabled them" [Acts 2:4]. Some scholars have interpreted the passage as a reference to the multitude of languages spoken by the gathered disciples [Acts 2:6–11], while others have taken the reference to "tongues" (γλῶσσαι) to signify ecstatic speech [1 Corinthians 14]. In Christian tradition, this event represents fulfillment of the promise that Christ will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit [Acts 1:5; John 14:16–17].

The main sign of Pentecost in the West is the color red. It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Clergy and choirs wear red vestments, and in modern times, the custom has extended to the lay people of the congregation wearing red clothing in celebration as well. Red banners are often hung from walls or ceilings to symbolize the blowing of the "mighty wind" and the free movement of the Spirit. Other congregations have incorporated the use of red balloons, signifying the "Birthday of the Church". These may be held by the congregants, decorate the sanctuary, or released all at once.

What Memorial Day Means to Americans



Memorial Day honors America's military men and women who lost their lives in service to their country.

The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May, a time of year when weather is turning warmer and schools and universities are adjourning for summer break. To Americans, Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial beginning of summer. Many people attend parades, go to the beach or have cook-outs or picnics with friends and family.

But at its heart, Memorial Day is a day when Americans reflect on the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in military service.



Military boots left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., the black granite walls of which

lists the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died in the Vietnam War.

Help for Ukraine

Gifts made to UCC **Ukraine Emergency Appeal** will provide shelter, food, and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people.

Donate online with the link below:

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Or designate a check for Ukraine Relief and mail to:

United Church of Christ,
P.O. Box 71957
Cleveland, OH 44194.

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Please know that your gifts of any size make a difference in this critical time.

Please Remember in Prayer

- The Universal Church, its members and mission,
- The nation and all in authority, the leaders of our nation - federal, state, and local.
- For democracy and our democratic institutions and norms in the United States.
- The welfare of the world and the concerns of the local community,
- The interrelationship of Gospel values and civic engagement
- Ministries of the United Church of Christ and of Zion Church.
- The leaders of our church: local, regional, and national, including our Living Water Association UCC, Association General Minister, The Rev. Nayiri Karjian, and Association Faith in Action Minister, The Rev. Michael Howard.
- The ministers and missionaries of the world.
- Those who are refugees and immigrants.
- For children separated from their parents at detention camps along our southern border.
- For racial and religious justice and reconciliation in the United States and around the world.
- Mother Earth and the global reflection on climate disruption.

- For peace, justice, and freedom throughout the world and particularly for the peoples of Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, and the United States.
- The people of Turkey and Syria: more than 50,000 people have died following two devastating earthquakes. Hopes of finding people alive have dimmed and experts fear the toll could rise sharply. Turkish authorities say some 13.5 million people have been affected in an area spanning roughly 280 miles from Adana in the west to Diyarbakir in the east, and 186 miles from Malatya in the north to Hatay in the south. At least 44,374 deaths have been reported in Turkey, while 5,800 951 people have died in Syria. Be with all who grieve and mourn the loss of loved ones, homes, businesses, and infrastructure. Please help the survivors to process and move through the trauma, and to rebuild their lives and communities.
- The people of California profoundly impacted by the atmospheric rivers, flooding rains and winter storms and snow. Be with all who grieve and mourn the loss of loved ones, homes, businesses, and infrastructure. Please help the survivors to process and move through the trauma, and to rebuild their lives and communities.
- According to data from the Gun Violence Archive a total of 241 mass shooting incidents have occurred in the US as of May 25th, 2023. In 2022 a total of 648 mass shootings. In 2021 a total of 693 mass shooting incident occurred across the US, in 2020 a total of 611, in 2019 a total of 417, with 337 incidents in 2018. While we pray for the families and friends of those whose lives have been taken in violent acts – and we pray for those injured in body, mind, soul, and spirit – and for their neighborhoods and communities across the United States - We know that our words and prayers are not enough. We must repent for our collective inaction and commit to tirelessly working toward meaningful gun violence prevention.
- For those affected by the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and the omicron variant and various variant surges: for all those who are infected and/or sick, and those who are grieving, for all who are affected, all around the world, for essential workers and frontline workers...we pray for comfort, for safety, for health, and for wholeness.
- The residents and management of the San Sofia Apartments who share a campus with us.
- Those anticipating surgery, recovering from surgery, or undergoing medical procedures, tests, or treatments
- Those living in assisted living or in a nursing home
- Those who are homebound and those who are caregivers
- Those who suffer or are in any trouble, and the departed.
- Those on our church prayer list:
 - Patti Augustine(health concerns) and family
 - Robert O. Bucklew (*Bob Bucklew's Dad*) is at Mapleridge Senior Living Willoughby, oh.
 - Betty Funk (*our Minister of Music*) receiving care in a medical rehab unit.
 - Marian Heffernan (*neighbor to Scott and Bob; friend of Elaine – health concerns*)
 - Ken Kauffman & friends: Nim Bryant, Isadora Almaro, Joe & Janelle Reardon, Barbara Reed, Nancy Moore's sister has passed away.
 - Jocelyn Paulette and her parents, Kevin & Jacqui Konet - *prayers for recovery.*
 - Keith Konet and family.
 - Marcia Leslie (*friend – new home and community – and health concerns*)
 - The family and loved ones of Elaine Lukacs.
 - Linda and James Mortach (*Elaine Lukacs' sister & brother-in-law*) & Linda's

daughter and James' son.

- Patricia Matheny (*prayers for her Cousin Paul Kevin*) Prayers for her family at the loss of her brother Keith Matheny who grew up in the Zion Church. Also the loss of a dear friend Craig Lucas.
- Barbara Rossington (*move to a new senior housing community*). Prayers for Barb's cousin Robert for upcoming tests and procedures.
- Henry Senyak (*resident community leader – cancer*)
- Debbie Webb
- Beverly Wurm and family (grandchildren's Grandmother, Marilyn Vilar, passed away on May 8, 2023).