

TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE – 2016

Pastor- Today is a day to remember our loved ones, family and friends, who died this year. At the same time, we continue to remember all our loved ones who have gone before us, from this life to the next.

People- May their memory be a part of us forever!

Pastor- Time has passed, our grief has slowly softened, and still we feel them near us. The place where they once stood is empty, yet we feel them near us. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing will never be broken.

People- May their memory be a part of us forever!

Pastor- As a people of faith we remember men and women of our congregation and community, those who lived for God, cared for others and served the church. May God give us strength to carry on in faithful service and in ministry, for now the task is ours.

People- May their memories and the bond of faith be a part of us forever.

Pastor- Gracious and merciful God, we give you thanks for the blessings of family and friends. We praise you, O God, for our loved ones who have gone before us and entered into your eternal rest. We remember the gifts of love that we shared with them and the faith that sustained them and us in the most difficult moments of life and loss. While, at times, we are still filled with sorrow, we thank you for the rich memories that live within us and the comfort we have in knowing that your promise of abundant and eternal life has been fulfilled for them. Strengthen our faith. Assure us that one day we too will be gathered into your glorious Kingdom. And lead us through the way of life, through the grace and love of Jesus our Savior. **AMEN.**

Cherishing memories that are forever sacred, sustained by a faith that is stronger than death and comforted by the hope of a life that shall endless be, we remember:

James Huck	Friend of Mel and Marian Gerhart	October 17, 2015
*Kathryn Light	Sister of Esther Schlouch	October 27, 2015
*Paul Freeman	Father of Robert Freeman	January 8, 2016
*Robert Harting	Brother-in-Law of Margaret Harting	January 16, 2016
Eleanor Angstadt	Mother of Susan McIlmolye	January 31, 2016
AnnaBelle Scofield	Mother of Patricia Acebo	February 16, 2016.
Jean DeHart		February 24, 2016
*Betty Schweitzer	Mother of Rick Schweitzer	March 8, 2016
Brent Binkley		March 12, 2016
Brad Roda	Son-in-Law of Mel and Marian Gerhart	April 2, 2016
*Dorothy Nye	Mother of Cindy Schweitzer	April 16, 2016

Kenny Specht	Father of Vicki Schweitzer	May 1,2016
Patricia Porter-Douglass	Sister-in-law to Bobbi Porter-Kunkel	May 21, 2016
Raymond Conrad	Father of Sherry Moyer	May 22, 2016
J. Walton Angstadt	Uncle of Susan McIlmoyle	June 30, 2016
Mark Zaitzyk	Friend of Wendy Christie	July 12, 2016
Shirley Pritts	Sister of Mary Getz	August 6, 2016
*Bob Martin	Husband of Beverly Martin	August 25, 2016
Jim Youndt	Husband of Barbara Youndt	August 26, 2016
Shirley Crowther	Mother of Keith Hoffert	September 7, 2016
Phillip Glover	Son of Peter and Donna Glover	October 4, 2016
Carol Frankhouser	Sister of Lillian Messner	October 11, 2016

Pastor- In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

People- In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

Pastor- In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

People- In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

Pastor- In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

People- In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

Pastor- When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

People- When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

Pastor- When we have joys we long to share, we remember them.

Unison- For as long as the Lord our God lives in the highest heavens, so will those whom we love and so shall we! Blessing and Honor, Glory and Power, be unto God forever and ever. AMEN!