

## TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE – 2017

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:

Mark Lorah	November 26, 2016	father of Heather Burky
Carolyn Harting	December 4, 2016	wife of Philip Harting
Ron Tuffle	January 2017	friend of Wendy Christie
William Flicker	January 8, 2017	father of Eric Flicker
Richard Tobias	January 19, 2017	husband of Virginia Tobias
Sally Fasnacht	January 28, 2017	wife of Larry Fasnacht, mother of Terry
Kathryn Fitterling	February 3, 2017	wife of Marvin Fitterling
Eric Pierce	March 2017	friend of Wendy Christie
David Buckwalter	March 25, 2017	step-father of Barry Harting
Alverta Kilhefner	April 24, 2017	mother of Ken Keenan

Christian Gress	June 12, 2017	brother of Jim Gress
Ivan Weitzel	July 12, 2017	brother of Ken Leshner
Mae Bredbenner	July 16, 2017	mother of Lois Haldeman
Emory Gress	July 16, 2017	grandfather of Madison Morgan
Dianne Tothero	July 24, 2017	mother of Brian and Terry
Harold Keppley	August 10, 2017	brother of Linda Fitterling
Gene Huston	September 11, 2017	father of Jane Werstler and Jon
Charles Leshner	September 13, 2017	brother of Pierce Leshner
Jennie Conrad	September 24, 2017	grandmother of Sherry Moyer
Leroy Howard	September 25, 2017	family of Sherry Moyer
Ike Gehman	October 1, 2017	father of Barry Gehman
Esther Ziemer	October 2, 2017	sister of Margaret Harting

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!**