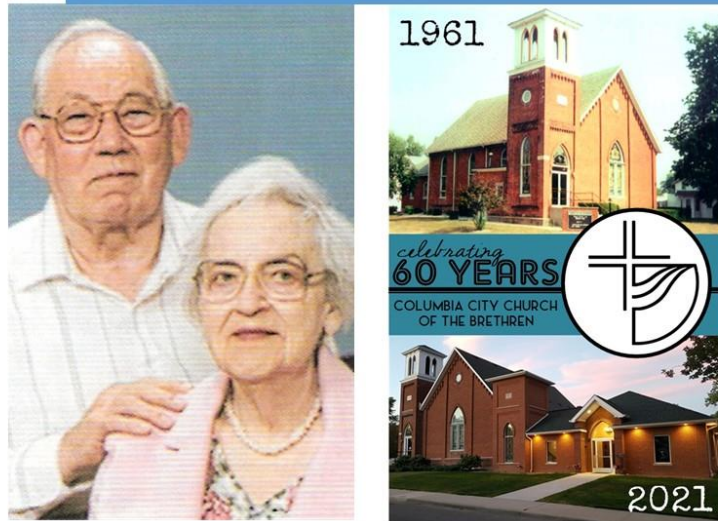


## “Worship through the Decades”

**June 20, 1999**

**June 20, 2021**

Honoring the  
Glenn &  
Eloise Frank  
family



One Sunday each month from June through October of 2021, we'll be revisiting worship services from all of the first five decades of our church as we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Today, we revisit June 20, 1999, which also happened to be Father's Day and was the Sunday of my trial sermon. There was a specially called Congregational Business Meeting following worship that day to vote on whether to hire me as pastor. Twenty-two years later and here I am still.

Everything printed in the inside of your bulletin is exactly how the bulletin looked on June 20, 1999. Current info, announcements, and joys & concerns are listed on both inserts. In the 1999 bulletin, you'll see how much offerings and attendance have changed. And even note fun things such as the area code was still 219! Note the names of folks who were active in the congregation then – many who continue to be active today. But there are also some who have left our congregation and still others who have passed away.

Another aspect of this special series “Worship through the Decades” is highlighting families who have remained active in our church nearly all 60 years. Today we honor the legacy of Glenn & Eloise Frank, whose anniversary is listed in the 1999 bulletin.

Glenn & Eloise Frank were charter members of the congregation in 1961. But their work started before the church began. Glenn Frank, along with Paul

Zumbrun, Russell Sherman, and Jack Rex were elected to serve on a planning committee on December 7, 1960. Glenn Frank recorded the minutes as acting secretary of that first meeting. He also served as the first assistant receiving treasurer as money was collected for this new church project.

By January 1961, both Glenn & Eloise were among the first elected officers of the church – Eloise serving as the first assistant clerk and Glenn serving on the first Ministerial Board. Eloise was also elected to serve on the first Music Committee. Throughout the years, both Glenn & Eloise served in a variety of roles in the church. Most will remember Glenn's singing special music and Eloise playing the organ and piano. They each continued to serve on the church board at various times, Glenn as chair for a time. Eloise also prepared the worship bulletins in the early 1990s. Both taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. Glenn also served on the search committee that called me to come and preach my trial sermon on June 20, 1999.

Eloise died October 19, 2006 and Glenn died November 15, 2010. I officiated both services and Evelyn Zumbrun played the organ for both services.

Today, Jenny Frank, wife of Dave Frank who is one of Glenn & Eloise's children, continues to worship with us. Over the years all their children, Martha, Mary, Sam, and Dave, were a part of the congregation including many of their children. Ann Frank, wife of Sam, is also a sister to Loretta VanEmon.

We might not be the church we are today without the dedication of Glenn & Eloise Frank. Today, we celebrate the ongoing legacy of the Frank family.

- *Written by Pastor Dennis Beckner, with info from "Columbia City Church of the Brethren - Celebrating 50 Years: 1961-2011" Church History, written by Mary Helfrich, 2012.*