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## Pipe Organs of the Hamilton Section of Baltimore

Crawl prepared by Paul Roeder

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Hamilton Presbyterian Church**

**5532 Harford Road**

**Baltimore, Maryland 21214**

*1962 M.P. Möller, Opus 9633*

*2 manuals and pedal*

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**Directions:** From **WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Take MD-295 N / Baltimore Washington Parkway N. approximately 30 miles from D.C. Merge on to I-895 N / Harbor Tunnel East (toll), 9 miles. Take US 40 East / Pulaski Highway Exit 13 toward Erdman Avenue, 0.2 miles. Merge onto Pulaski Highway / US-40 East via ramp on left, 0.7 miles. Merge onto Moravia Road, 4 miles. Right onto Harford Road / MD-147, 1 mile. Church is on the left.

From **WEST / FREDERICK** - Take I-70 East toward Baltimore about 37 miles. Merge onto I-695 via Exit 91 B-A toward I-95 N / New York/Towson, 6 miles. Merge onto MD-41 / Perring Parkway via Exit 30A, 3.7 miles. Turn left onto Echodale Avenue, 1 mile. Turn left onto Harford Road / MD 147, 0.3 miles. Church is on the left.

From **NORTH / BALTIMORE** - Take 95 S / JFK Memorial Highway, South. Merge onto I-695 W via Exit 64 toward Towson, 2.5 miles. Merge onto US-1 S / Belair Road via Exit 32 A toward Overlea, 2 miles. Turn right onto E. Northern Parkway, 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Harford Road / MD-147, 1 mile. Church is on the right.

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**11:45 a.m.**

**Valentinos**  
**6627 Harford Road**  
**Baltimore, Maryland 21214**

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**DIRECTIONS:** Drive Northeast on Harford Road / MD-147 toward Evergreen Avenue, 0.8 miles. (You will pass the Episcopal Church of the Messiah on your right.) Restaurant is on the right located at the corner of Harford Road and Northern Parkway. Parking is in back of restaurant by turning right onto Northern Parkway.

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**1:30 p.m.**

**Episcopal Church of the Messiah**  
**5801 Harford Road**  
**Baltimore, Maryland 21214**  
*1956 Casavant Frères Ltée, Opus 2324*  
*3 manual and pedal*

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**DIRECTIONS:** Drive southwest on Harford Road / MD-147 toward Fleetwood Avenue, 0.6 miles. Church is on the left.

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**Concerts**

Friday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. **David Schelat, organist** at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 101 North Cross Street, Chestertown, MD 21620. Admission \$20.00

Saturday, April 18 at 3:00 p.m. **John Schwandt, organist,** at Zion Lutheran Church, 400 East Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Admission \$15.00

Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m. **Nathan Laube, organist,** at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive at MacArthur Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20816 Free-will Offering

Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. **Felix Hell, organist** at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA Free-will Offering

Sunday, May 3, at 3:00 p.m. **James David Christie, organist,** at Brown Memorial Park avenue Presbyterian Church, 1320 Park Avenue, (corner of Park and Lafayette), Baltimore, MD Admission \$15.00

Friday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. **Ken Cowan, organist** at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 101 North Cross Street, Chestertown, MD 21620 Admission \$20.00

**Review of the March 28, 2015 Organ Crawl**  
Kevin M. Clemens

**Catonsville United Presbyterian Church**  
**1400 Frederick Road**  
**Catonsville, Maryland**



**M.P. Möller Organ, Opus 9483 (1961)**

On a cold crisp spring morning the twenty-eight of March, members of the Hillbus Chapter of the Organ Historical Society gathered at the Catonsville Presbyterian Church located at 1400 Frederick Road. The church has a 1961 M.P. Möller pipe organ, Opus 9483. The Hillbus Chapter has visited this instrument in the past and it was great to see the church is correcting some of the inadequacies of the original installation by Möller. It was always noticeable that on full organ combinations the pedal was not adequate. No bottom! David Storey added a 16' Principal to the pedal. What a difference! Now the full organ has a nice bottom and that addition makes hymn playing more exciting. The 16' Bourdon installed as the only 16' flue in the pedal in 1961 just did not do the job.

The organ was completely releathered in stages starting in 1993 and finished in 1995. David Storey also changed the 2' Blockflute in the choir to a 2' Principal and repitched the Nazard 2 2/3' to a 1 1/3'. In 2006 the console was rebuilt with solid state combination action with additional knobs for future additions.

The church just recently received a very large gift from an estate, so I have a feeling the additional stops that are currently prepared for will be completed in the near future.

**Swell:** (enclosed)

Rohr Gedeckt 16'  
Rohr Flute 8'  
Viole de Gamba 8'  
Viole Celeste 8'  
Principal 4'  
Koppel Flute 4'  
Nazard 2 2/3' (prepared for)  
Piccolo 2'  
Tierce 1 3/5' (prepared for)  
Plein Jeu V  
Bassoon 16'  
Trompette 8'  
Oboe 8' (prepared for)  
Clarion 4'



**Great:** (unenclosed)

First Open Diapason 8' (prepared for)  
Second Open Diapason 8'  
Bourdon 8'  
Octave 4'  
Flute 4' (prepared for)  
Twelfth 2 2/3' (prepared for)  
Fifteenth 2'  
Fourniture IV  
Chimes (prepared for)

**Choir:** (enclosed)

Gedeckt 8'  
Erzahler 8'  
Erzahler Celeste 8'  
Wald Flute 4'  
Fifteenth 2'  
Larigot 1 1/3'  
Cromorne 8'  
Chimes (prepared for)  
Clochettes (prepared for)

**Pedal:** (unenclosed)

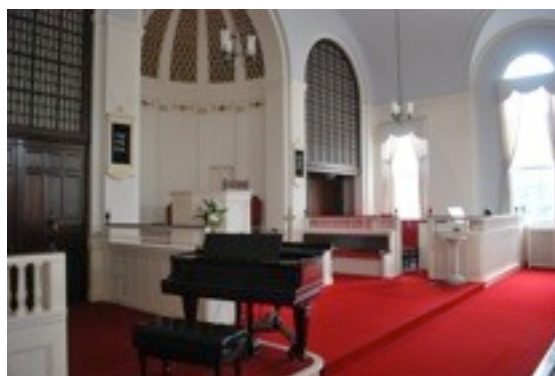
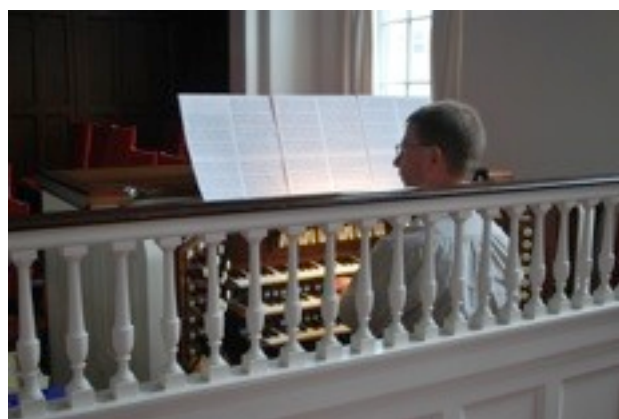
Resultant 32' (wired)  
Principal 16'  
Bourdon 16'  
Rohr Gedeckt 16' (swell)  
Octave 8'  
Bourdon 8'  
Super Octave 4'  
Rohr Flute 4'  
Trombone 16' (extension of swell Trompette 8')  
Bassoon 16' (swell)  
Trompette 8' (swell)  
Clarion 4' (swell)

**Couplers:**

Great to Pedal 8' and 4'  
Swell to Pedal 8' and 4'  
Choir to Pedal 8' and 4'

Swell to Great 16', 8' and 4'  
Choir to Great 16', 8' and 4'  
Swell to Choir 16', 8' and 4'

Swell Tremulant  
Choir Tremulant





**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**1000 South Rolling Road**  
**Catonsville, Maryland**



**Austin Organs, Inc. 1981 Opus 2650**  
**3 manual and pedal 37 ranks**

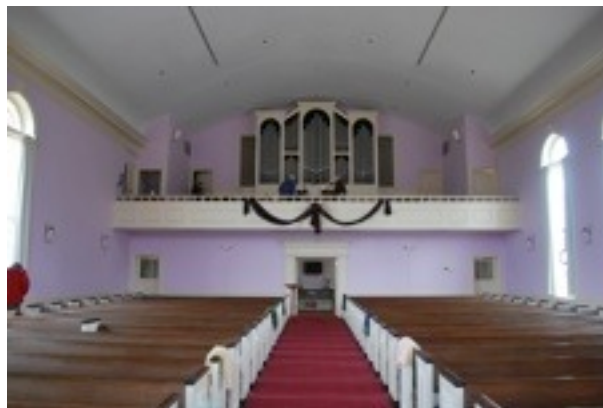
After a delicious lunch members gathered at St. John's United Church of Christ on Rolling Road. The chapter has been trying for years to get into this church to see the pipe organ. Each time we inquired we were refused by the music director / organist. Now that the congregation has an interim music director / organist the doors are now open. The church has a 1981 Austin pipe organ of 3 manual and pedal with 37 ranks. Located in the back gallery the instrument is in a free case where it can speak out taking advantage of the vaulted ceiling. What a gem! The organists among the crawl sat down and played the instrument trying all types of organ literature. We were like kids in a candy shop trying various combinations etc... Also we took turns walking downstairs to hear the organ in the chancel area to hear how it blossomed in the room. It is sad that this instrument was not available for years. The only people who heard the Austin were church members. I wonder if they are aware of the fine instrument they have in their church?

The façade includes a very nice display of the great and pedal pipes. Ask me sometime about some of the pipes inside the case that were painted black like the swell and choir boxes. The console is the typical Austin console commonly referred to as the "cash register" with its mechanical but very reliable stop and piston action. What advantages there are with 14 generals. Before the days of solid state combinations actions, 14 generals were a luxury.

**Swell:** (enclosed)

16'	Rohrgedeckt	12
8'	Rohrgedeckt	61
8'	Viola	61
8'	Voix Celeste	49
4'	Principal	61
4'	Waldflöte	61
2'	Blockflöte	61
III	Plein Jeu	183
16'	Bassoon	12
8'	Trompette	61
8'	Hautbois	61
4'	Clarion	61

Tremulant  
 Sub  
 Unison Off  
 Super

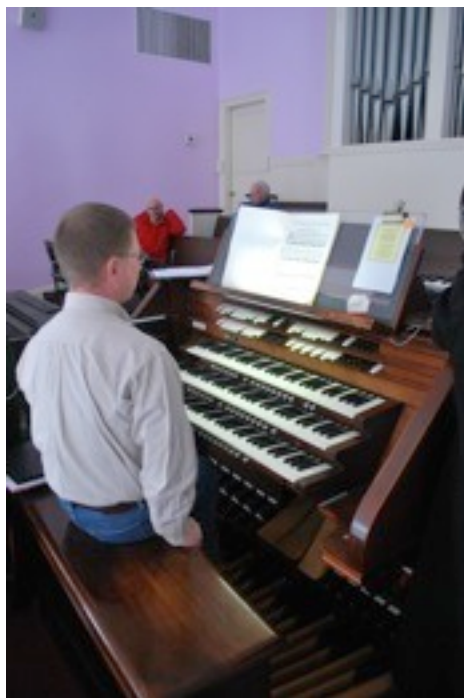


**Great:** (unenclosed)

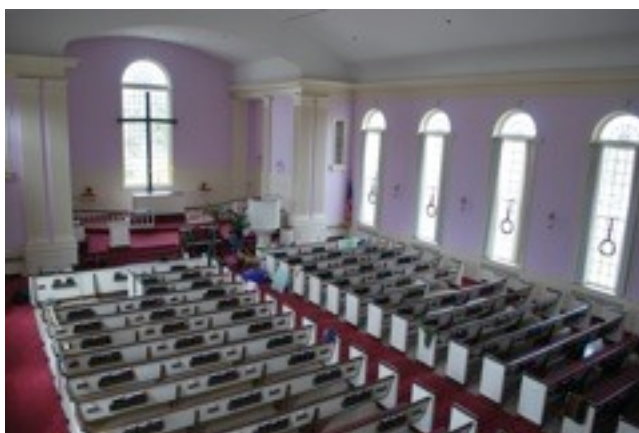
16'	Quintaten	61
8'	Principal	61
8'	Bourdon	61
4'	Octave	61
4'	Nachthorn	61
2'	Superoctave	61
II	Sesquialtera	122
IV	Mixture	244
8'	Trompete	61
	Sub	
	Unison Off	
	Super	

**Choir:** (enclosed)

8'	Holzgedeckt	61
8'	Flauto Dolce	61
8'	Flute Celeste	49
4'	Koppelflöte	61
2'	Principal	61
1 1/3'	Larigot	61
II	Cymbal	122
8'	Cromorne	61
	Tremulant	
	Sub	
	Unison Off	
	Super	

**Pedal:** (unenclosed)

32'	Resultant	--
16'	Principal	12
16'	Quintaten	GT
16'	Gedeckt	SW
8'	Octave	32
8'	Gedeckt	SW
4'	Super Octave	12
4'	Koppelflöte	CH
II	Rauschquint	64
16'	Posuane	12 GT
16'	Bassoon	SW
4'	Cromorne	CH



# Renewal of Hilbus Chapter Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Dues: \$14.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to E. Power Biggs Scholarship

A Hilbus Chapter Fund established to send a young person interested in the O.H.S. and the pipe organ to the 2015 Convention, June 28 through July 3, 2014 (Pioneer Valley - Western Massachusetts) headquartered in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to plan a monthly organ crawl with Chairperson, Paul S. Roeder.

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