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BUSINESS MEETING, LUNCH AND CRAWL

Prepared by Paul and Barb Birckner

Saturday, May 23, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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Fort Washington, Maryland 20744

Residence Organs

From North and East: Drive south on the Capital Beltway to Branch Avenue (Route 5) in the direction of Waldorf. Then drive west on Allentown Road for about 3 traffic lights to a right onto Brinkley Road. Drive through the traffic light at Temple Hill Road. The second left after Temple Hill Road in Farmer Drive. Unity Presbyterian Church is on the corner. Driving up Farmer Drive, the Birckner House is the second private residence on the same side of the road as Unity Presbyterian Church. Park in the half circle or along the street or in the drive way leading to the garage.

From West and South: Cross over the Potomac River on the Wilson Bridge using the Capital Beltway. Exit the Capital Beltway using Exit 4A. Drive straight through 2 traffic lights turning left onto Brinkley Road beside Sharper's Greenhouses. Continue on Brinkley Road and drive past a shopping center in the valley. Drive another mile until you arrive at Unity Presbyterian Church at the corner of Farmer Drive and Brinkley Road. Turn right onto Farmer Drive. Drive up the hill and 6606 Farmer Drive is on your left.

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Dues are due in October. \$14.00 mailed to Secretary-Treasurer. (Checks payable to: HILBUS CHAPTER, OHS)

11:00 a.m.

Business Meeting

Membership will vote on the slate of officers for the 2015 (July) through 2017 (July) chapter year. The officers serve for two years.

Proposed Slate of Officers

Glen R. Frank - Chairman

Gerald Piercey - Vice-Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer - Carolyn Lamb Booth

Installation of Officers

Treasurer's Report given by Carolyn Booth

11:45 a.m.

POTLUCK LUNCH

Barb Birckner will bake a ham and a turkey breast. Paul and Barb will supply drinks, silverware, napkins and plates. Members will bring a side dish (vegetable) (salad) (casserole) or (dessert).

1:15 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

3319 Alabama Avenue, SE

Washington, D.C. 20020

*Karl Wilhelm, Inc. 1976 Opus 47
2 manual and pedal, 14 ranks, mechanical action*

DIRECTIONS: Retrace your way back to Route 5 (Branch Avenue). Drive north on Route 5 (about 6 miles) to where Alabama Avenue intersects with Branch Avenue. The church is on the southwest corner. Park in the alley or on the concrete slab next to the double red doors at the back of the building. Any problems call Paul Birckner at 301-449-4399 (home) 301-659-2020 (cell).

Review of the April 25, 2015 Organ Crawl

Article by Kevin M. Clemens and photographs by Glen Frank.

Hamilton Presbyterian Church
5532 Harford Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21214

M.P. Möller (1962) Opus 9633

On a bright and beautiful day in April, members of the Hilbus Chapter gathered at Hamilton Presbyterian Church to see Opus 9633 built in 1962 by M.P. Möller. Hamilton is in the northeast section of Baltimore City. As we gathered in the sanctuary of the church we quickly learned that the pipe organ had not been played for two years and that is why the switch at the organ console did not turn the instrument on. After finding some church members we inquired about the electrical boxes and where they were located. After flipping a few switches the organ turned on. The church presently worships with a small Wurlitzer Grand Piano and uses some other instruments including a drum set. The organ was in very good tune and members of the chapter played this 12 rank instrument. It was typical of the early 1960's instruments built by Möller in that it was versatile and the voicing was acceptable. The Great Grave Mixture of 2 ranks in my opinion could have been voiced quieter to blend more with the Great Principal 8 and the Octave 4. The console was a drawknob console with the coupler rail located above the Swell manual.

Swell: (enclosed)

Rohr Gedeckt 16'	(61 pipes)
Rohr Flute 8'	(12 pipes)
Viole de Gamba 8'	(61 pipes)
Viole Celeste 8'	(49 pipes)
Flute 4'	(12 pipes)
Nazard 2 2/3'	(61 pipes)
Piccolo 2'	(12 pipes)
Trompette 8'	(61 pipes)
Tremulant	



Great: (unenclosed)

Principal 8' (61 pipes)
Octave 4' (61 pipes)
Grave Mixture II (122 pipes) [2 and 2/3' and 2']
Chimes

Great: (enclosed)

Bourdon 8' (61 pipes)
Erzahler 8' (61 pipes)

Pedal: (unenclosed)

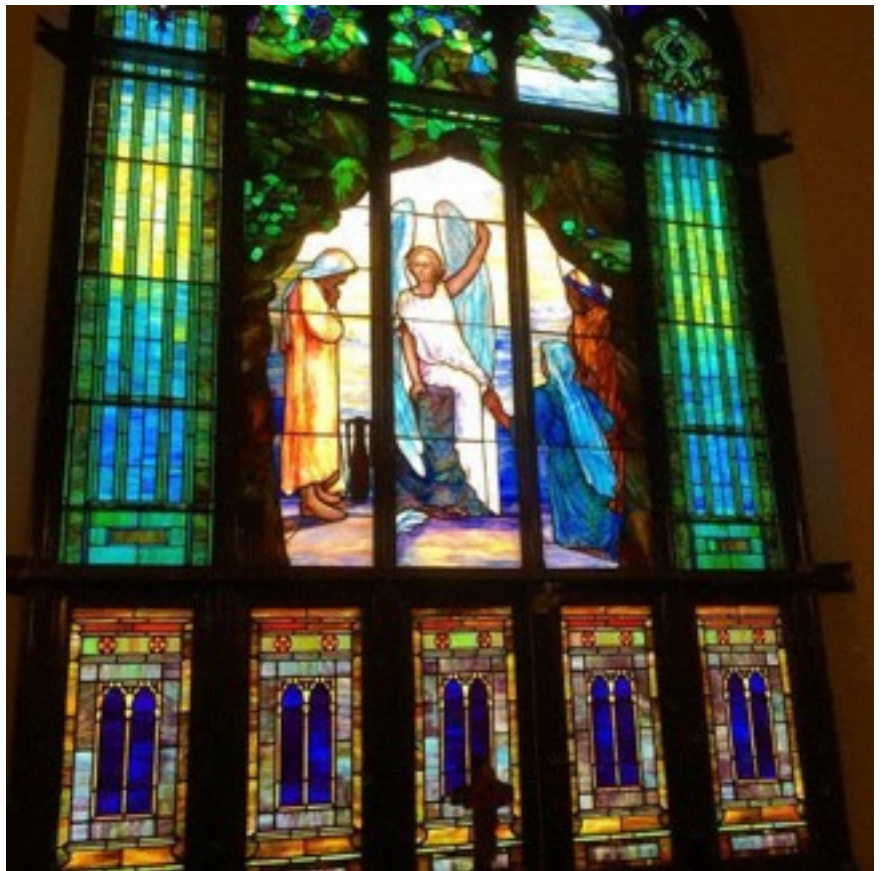
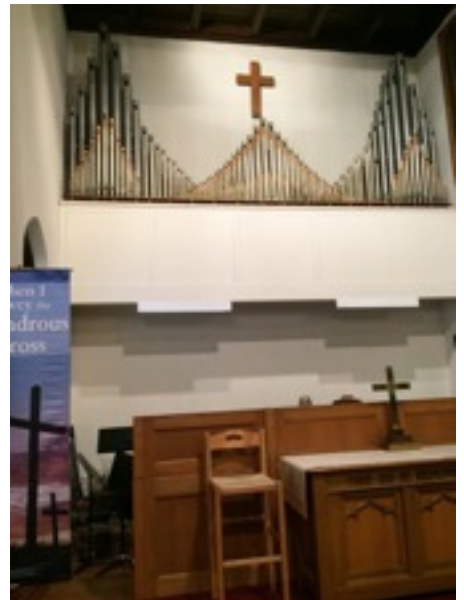
Bourdon 16' (32 pipes)
Octave 8' (32 pipes)
Bourdon 8' (12 pipes)
Super Octave 4' (12 pipes)
Contra Trompette 16' (12 pipes) (extension of Swell Trompette 8')
Trompette 8' (Swell)
Clarion 4' (from Swell Trompette 8')

Couplers:

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

Swell to Great 16', 8' and 4'
Crescendo Pedal

Note: The stain glass window is from the studio of a Baltimore Company.



Church of the Messiah, Episcopal
5801 Harford Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21214

Casavant Frères Ltée
Opus 2324, 1956
3 manual and pedal



After lunch at the Greek owned restaurant Valentino's, members of the Hilbus chapter drove a few blocks to the Church of the Messiah, Episcopal. This church is a stately structure on Harford Road. The church had a 1908 Estey Pipe Organ, Opus 567 and the Estey salesperson sold other Estey Pipe Organs to churches in 1908 around Baltimore including St. David's Episcopal and Church of the Savior, Episcopal. Stories have circulated that the Church of the Messiah replaced their Estey Pipe Organ with a new Casavant after one of the facade pipes of the Estey fell down and struck a choir member on the head. When Jim Barrett was organist choirmaster in the 1980's at the Church of the Messiah, it was well known that he had taken a "can opener" to the pipes and made some changes. In 2013 the Columbia Organ Works of Columbia, Pennsylvania did a complete restoration of the organ which included releathering and a solid state control system for the console. Also included were new drawknobs, pistons, and a new pedal board. The console was moved in the sanctuary to conform with the recent renovations of the sanctuary so that the altar could be brought forward and closer to the congregation. The sound of the full organ is very thrilling and blossoms once you walk out into the congregational pews. The mixtures on the swell and great are now both 4 ranks. A Tierce 1 and 3/5' and a Twelfth 2 2/3' have been added to the great. The current organist-choirmaster is James Gautsch. James I believe works for Columbia Organ Works (at least he is listed as a organ technician on their website). Many thanks to Tom Boesch, junior warden, who met and welcomed us to the church.

1956 Specification

Swell: (enclosed)

16'	Lieblich Bourdon	68 pipes
8'	Geigen Principal	68 pipes
8'	Rohr Flute	68 pipes
8'	Viola da Gamba	68 pipes
8'	Voix Celeste GG	61 pipes
4'	Spitz Principal	68 pipes
4'	Flauto Traverso	68 pipes
2'	Flautino	61 pipes
III	Plein Jeu	183 pipes
8'	Cornopean	
8'	Oboe	
	Tremulant	
	Sub	
	Super	



Great: (unenclosed)

8'	Open Diapason	68 pipes
8'	Hohl Flute	68 pipes
8'	Gemshorn	68 pipes
4'	Octave	68 pipes
2'	Fifteenth	61 pipes
III	Mixture	183 pipes
8'	Trumpet	68 pipes
	Chimes	
	Super	

Choir: (enclosed)

8'	Viola	68 pipes
8'	Melodia	68 pipes
8'	Dulciana	68 pipes
4'	Chimney Flute	68 pipes
2 2/3'	Nazard	61 pipes
2'	Piccolo	61 pipes
8'	Clarinet	68 pipes
	Tremulant	
	Sub	
	Super	

Pedal: (unenclosed)

16'	Contrabass	32 pipes (wood)
16'	Bourdon	32 pipes
16'	Gedeckt	SW
8'	Principal	32 pipes
8'	Stopped Flute	12 pipes
16'	Trombone	12 pipes
8'	Trumpet	12 pipes
4'	Clarion	12 pipes
	Chimes	



Concerts

Wednesday, May 13 at 8:00 p.m. **Thierry Escaich, organist**, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C.

Friday, May 15 at 12:15 p.m. **Mary Mozelle, organist**, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C.

Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. **Nathan Laube, organist**, First and Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Sunday, May 17 beginning at 1:00 p.m. and concluding at 5:00 p.m., **The 17th Annual French Organ Music Marathon**, Grace United Methodist Church, 5407 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Organists: Kathie Metz, Samuel Springer, Glenn Osbourne, Kevin Clemens (3:00 p.m.), Daniel Aune, Katie El-Diwany, and Bruce Eicher.

Friday, May 22 at 12:15 p.m. **Russell Weismann, organist**, National City Christian Church.

Sunday, May 24, at 5:15 p.m. **Stanislav Kalini, organist** (Kharkiv, Ukraine), Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

Friday, May 29, 12:15 p.m. **David Lang, organist**, National City Christian Church

Wednesday, June 3 at 12:10 p.m. **Benjamin Straley, organist**, St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C.

Friday, June 5 at 12:15 p.m. **Patrick Pope, organist**, National City Christian Church

Sunday, June 7 at 5:15 p.m. **Bryan Dunnewald, organist**, Washington National Cathedral

Friday, June 12 at 12:15 p.m. **Edward Alan Moore, organist**, National City Christian Church

Sunday, June 14 at 5:15 p.m. **Vaughn Mauren, organist**, Washington National Cathedral

Friday, June 19 at 12:15 p.m. **Sandra Goldsmith Proctor, organist**, National City Christian Church

Sunday, June 21 at 5:00 p.m. **Colin MacKnight, organist**, Washington National Cathedral

Friday, June 26 at 12:15 p.m. **Aaron Comins, organist**, National City Christian

Sunday, June 28 at 5:15 p.m. **Chuyoung Suter, organist**, Washington National Cathedral

Saturday, July 4 at 11:00 a.m. **Chris Betts, organist**, Washington National Cathedral

Congratulations

Attention members of the Hilbus Chapter. The goal of \$1,000.00 has been reached for the chapter's contribution to the E. Power Fellowship Committee. The money will permit an E. Power Biggs Fellow to attend this year's OHS Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts. June 28 through July 2, 2016. Many thanks to those who contributed.

Please note that since the OHS Convention is in June this year there is no June Newsletter. Next crawl will be on Saturday, July 25, 2015.