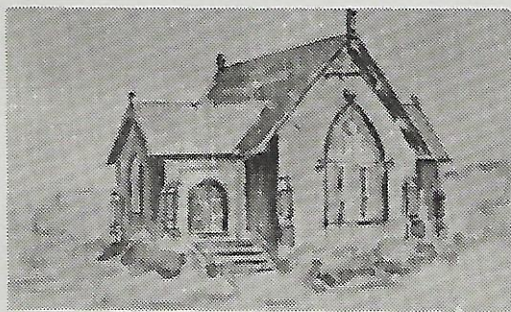


Rededication  
of the  
Barekhoff  
Cracker Organ



First Presbyterian Church, Plattsburg, Missouri

1852 - 1989

*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PLATTSBURG, MISSOURI*

*APRIL 30, 1989*

*3 P.M.*

*The rededication and concert on the recently restored  
Barckhoff tracker organ*

*Guest artists:*

*Catherine Huff*

*Becky Kovac*

*Michael Quimby*

*Reception follows in the  
Downstairs Fellowship Hall*

## ABOUT THE GUEST ARTISTS...

**CATHERINE C. HUFF** has a bachelor of arts degree in piano from the University of Dallas. She is the organist at the First United Methodist Church in St. Joseph. Catherine is the Dean of the St. Joseph Chapter of American Guild of Organists and is a composer of organ music. She is the Adult Socialization Activities Instructor at the United Cerebral Palsy Center in St. Joseph, Mo. Catherine will perform the following pieces:

Andante Tranquillo from Sonata III by Mendelssohn  
Versets and Carillon by Henri Carol  
Palestrina's "Victory" by Catherine Huff  
All Go Forth to Serve the Lord by Catherine Huff

**BECKY KOVAC** is a part-time music instructor at Missouri Western State College. She is the organist at the Francis Street Methodist Church in St. Joseph. Becky will perform the following pieces:

Voluntary in G Major by William Walond  
Vier Praeludia in F,F,C,C by Johann Ludwig Krebs  
Dies sind die heiligen zehen Gebot-BWV 679 by J.S.  
Bach

**MICHAEL QUIMBY**, organ builder, received a bachelor of music education degree and a master of arts in music history and literature with applied emphasis in organ from Central Missouri State University. Michael is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda national honor society of music; the American Institute of Organ Builders is a member of the Board of Directors and chairperson of the Ethics Committee; the American Guild of Organists and Dean of the Greater Kansas City Chapter; the Organ Historical Society; and the American Choral Directors Association. He is president of Quimby Pipe Organs, Inc. which includes maintenance as well as building new organs, restoring and rebuilding older organs. He is presently serving as organist at the First United Methodist Church in Warrensburg. His selections will be announced.

## ABOUT THE ORGAN ....

The tracker organ attributed to Carl Barckhoff was built probably in 1885. The organ is a 1-manual, 5-rank tracker mechanical action type instrument. At one time the organ depended on a hand-pump to supply the air to the pipes. A new electric motor to pump the air has been installed.

Eventhough the organ has only one manual, it does have some of the capabilities of a two-manual instrument through a unique split keyboard meaning that there is a separate set of stops for the treble voices, and a separate set of stope for the bass with middle C being the dividing point. The bass stops are: Dulcianna Bass 8', Melodia Bass 8', Bourdon 16', Open Diapason Bass 8', and Viola Bass 4'. Stops for the treble voices are: Melodia 8', Dulcianna 8', Principal 4', and Open Diapason 8'. There is also a Tremolo stop, coupler and a Bellows Signal. The cabinet is white oak.

An identifying mark of the builder is a metal shoe-shaped foot pedal for volume control which bears a "B" imprint with the words Salem, O. beneath the initial.

The organ was purchased through the efforts of the Women's Society of the First Presbyterian Church. Those records indicate the time of purchase was sometime between the years of 1882-1887. Michael Quimby, the organ rebuilder, places the time period at 1885.

Names of persons known who have played the pipe organ are: Professor Nunvar of the Plattsburg College, Mrs. Manor Fry, Laura Elizabeth McCulloch, Mrs. Louise Walters Bowers and Mrs. Shirley Fry O'Connor.

A copy of the history and stories about the organ have been presented to the Organ Historical Society, an international organization, located in Richmond, Virginia. The organ has been designated by the OHS as an instrument of exceptional value worthy of preservation.

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## ABOUT CARL BARCKHOFF, THE BUILDER ....

Carl Barckhoff was recognized as one of the foremost Midwest late 19th and early 20th century organ builders. He was born in Wiedenbruck, Westphalia, Germany in 1849. His father, Felix, brought the family to the United States in 1865. Felix Barckhoff was also an organ builder, and established the first Barckhoff Organ Company in the United States in 1868.

After the death of his father, Carl established the Carl Barckhoff Company in 1878 in Allegheny County, Pa., an area which is today the north side of Pittsburgh. The company was relocated to Salem, Ohio in 1882.

Barckhoff organs ranged in size from a giant 35 feet tall with four manuals to the smaller one manual consoles. The Barckhoff Organ Company employed craftsmen that were natives of Germany and highly skilled in their trades. At one time there were 60 craftsmen working for the company. These craftsmen traveled far and wide and found their way to Plattsburg, Mo. and even points further west.

After many moves and a fire, the company was completely destroyed by a flood in the Ohio River Valley in 1913. The devastation was so great that all the company's records and equipment were totally lost.

After the final closing of the Barckhoff Company, some of the craftsmen started their own organ building businesses as Adolph Reuter, founder of the present Reuter Organ Company in Lawrence, Ks. and Val Durst, founder of what is today Durst Organ Supply Company.

Carl Barckhoff was described by those who knew him as a clean-cut and neat appearing person with a temperament varying between very nice to very nasty. In spite of a rather excentric personal life, Barckhoff maintained a reputation for being one of the better organ builders. To possess a Barckhoff organ is a valuable treasure. Since Barckhoff did not number or identify his instruments in the usual manner, it has been difficult to locate and positively identify the Barckhoff instruments.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburg, Mo. wish to express their appreciation to the following persons, who have contributed unselfishly of their time, materials, labor, advice and support to those working on the project.

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## PROGRAM

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