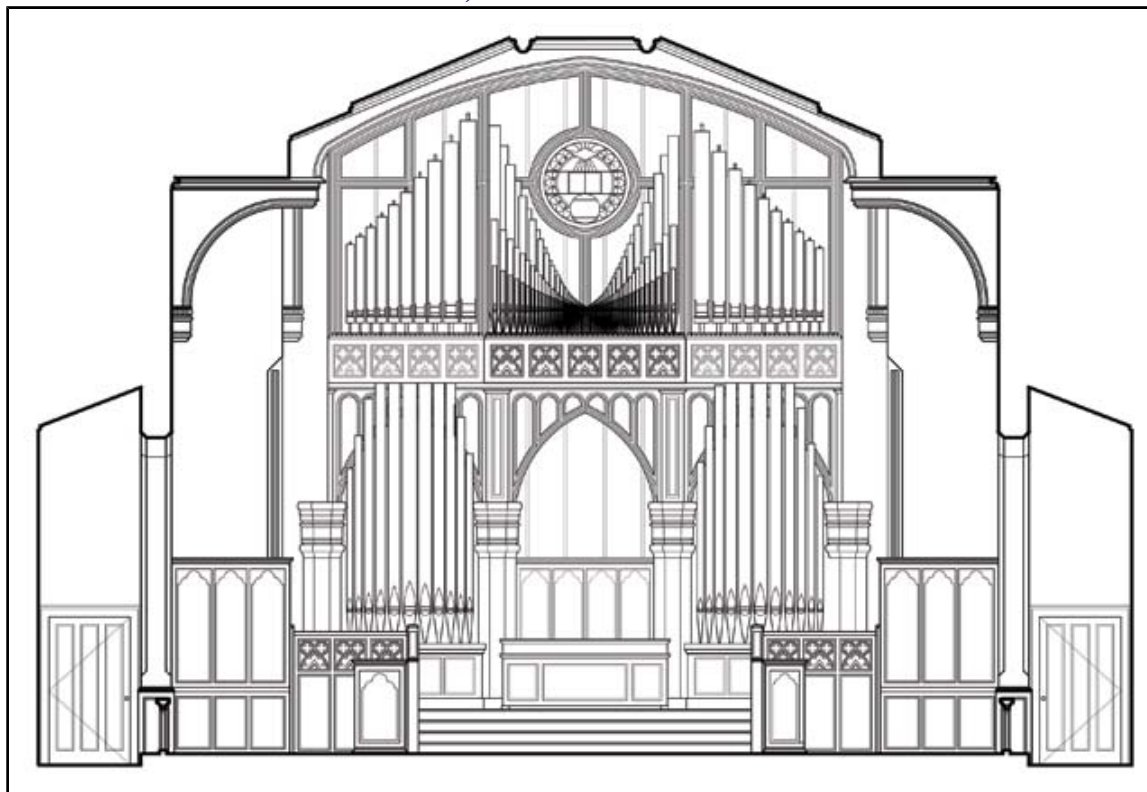


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## *Current Projects*

**Berghaus Organ Company** is pleased to provide a glimpse of projects that are currently under construction. Once installed, instruments will remain on this page for approximately one year. Additional information regarding recently installed instruments can be found on the [Recent Installations](#) page. Please feel free to contact us with comments or questions.

### **First United Methodist Church, Gainesville, Florida**



**M. P. Möller opus 7055** was originally installed at First United Methodist Church, Gainesville, in 1942. The instrument was typical for its time and represented Möller's unobtrusive tonal characteristics. In 1979, a major overhaul of the instrument was performed by the Möller Company under the direction of Donald M. Gillett. While the chassis of the organ received attention, the major change occurred relative to the organ's tonal resources. The organ was enlarged and a majority of the original pipework was replaced. Any pipework retained, was revoiced. The end result was a versatile "*American Classic*" organ based on Mr. Gillett's tonal preferences. Prior to joining Möller, Mr. Gillett held the positions of President and Tonal Director at Aeolian-Skinner. Aeolian-Skinner was considered the premier American manufacturer of pipe organs until their doors closed prematurely in the early 1970's. During his tenure at Aeolian-Skinner, Mr. Gillett presided over the building of many important and well-known instruments.

**During one of the tropical storms** that hit Gainesville in 2004, the winding apparatus of the organ sustained significant damage. After careful review, it was determined that the entire chassis of the organ should be replaced. It was also determined that all care should be taken to preserve the tonal characteristics of the "*Gillett*" Möller. To achieve this outcome, Berghaus Organ Company will remove the existing pipework for cleaning and regulation. New support structures, reservoirs, and windchests will be built and the existing console will be refurbished. Once the new structures have been installed, the existing pipework, along with several new ranks will be put into place and properly voiced. A new façade, designed by the Berghaus Organ Company, will grace the refurbished sanctuary.

