

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

INFORMAL HYMN SINGING (9:45 a.m.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Near the Cross” F. Binckes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.)

INTROIT “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, we come to this place of refuge to worship you.

People: ***In the midst of joys and burdens, triumphs and failures, help us worship you.***

Leader: This morning we come to hear a word from you.

People: ***Quiet our minds that we may hear Your voice.***

Leader: Lent is a time of reflection and confession.

People: ***O God, by your grace, may we observe a holy Lent.***

*HYMN #269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” Land of Rest

PRAYER OF THE DAY “Lent” Hymnal #268

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hymnal p. 39

Elise Kaitlyn Pitts,
daughter of Alison and Timothy

HYMN #2051 (rear cover) “I Was There to Hear your Borne Cry” Waterlife

THE PSALTER Psalm 91 Hymnal p.810

*THE GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13 Bible p.936

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

*HYMN #292 “What Wondrous Love is This” Wondrous Love

THE SERMON

“Trust”

Dr. Bodt

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Help us, God, to have the courage and humility to name our burdens and temptations and to lay them down, that we may be restored to right relationship with you. Help us to confess the personal temptations to which we have yielded this week, as well as those larger temptations that hound us constantly. Help us to confess the secret sins that no one but You knows. And then, help us to trust again your promise of scripture: “If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Amen. (Let each one confess in silence.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: ***And also with you.***

(Consider non-touching signs of Christ’s peace during flu season.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Walk Along Besides Me, O My Lord”

D. Besig

*Presentation: “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #178

“Hope of the World”

Vicar

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymnal #453

(Consider virtual hand-holding with those near you as we sing.)

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!

Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ to thee;

More love to thee, more love to thee!

*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

*POSTLUDE

“Aria Solemnis”

D. Hegarty

(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
3. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
5. "In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
7. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



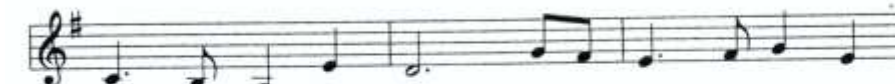
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a
4. If you find some - one to share your time and you
6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

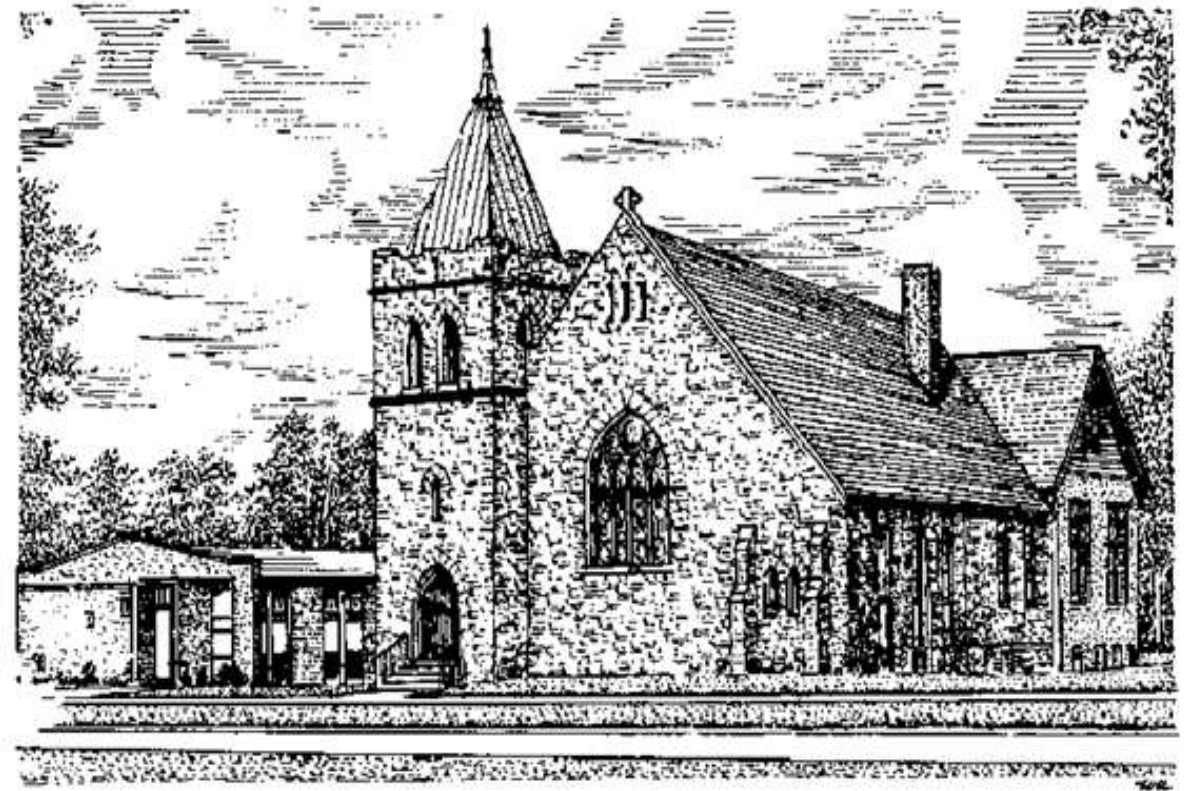


wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

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Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

First Methodist Church in Milford: 1843

Current building dedicated: 1893

Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969

*Whoever you are, wherever you are
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.*

LENT I

February 17, 2013

~Calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Grace Notes
February 17, 2013

Sunday, February 17 **LENT I**
9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
9:45 a.m. Informal hymn-singing – Sanctuary
10 a.m. Worship/Sacrament of Baptism – Sanctuary
11:45 a.m. – Nominating Committee – Pastor’s study
4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

Monday, February 18 **PRESIDENT’S DAY** – Church office closed
7 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall

Tuesday, February 19 Noon – United Methodist Women – Wesley Center
6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Wed., February 20 10:00 a.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, February 21 7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Wesley Center
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Wesley Center

Sunday, February 24 **LENT II**
9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Wesley Center
10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Caring Ministries – Wesley Center
4 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center

Monday, February 25 7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Dodd Hall

Tuesday, February 26 6 p.m. Confirmation – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Disciple 2 – Wesley Center
7 p.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center

Wednesday, February 27 9:00 a.m. Volunteers-Beacon Mailing
10:00 a.m. Lenten study – Gunn Library, Wesley Center
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

Thursday, February 28 5:50 p.m. Community Dinner – Dodd Hall
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee – Wesley Center

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial family,

What a week! From all reports, our people came through a 100 year record blizzard reasonably well. It was interesting to hear, from northern Vermont where Carol, my son Adam and I were, CNN reporting on Milford’s 38 inches of record snowfall.

As we recovered and tried to maintain our programming, I sent an e-mail update on Shrove Tuesday. Someone made a good-natured note of my alliteration of “patience, persistence and prayer” for the sake of “pancakes.” Pancakes now being gone, we are into the weightier matters of Lent. The many opportunities to “observe a holy Lent,” as the Ash Wednesday liturgy exhorted, are detailed in the Lenten letter and this program.

Please take a moment to greet Alison and Timothy Pitts as we receive their daughter, Elise Kaitlyn, into this church family through baptism. Many will know Alison by her maiden name, Dubien. A warm welcome to both families.

Lately I greet people at the Dodd Hall door. We hope this encourages people to attend Fellowship Hour. If you cannot but wish to speak with me, you may exit via the Dodd Hall side door. Our liturgist greets those exiting by the main sanctuary doors.

May this Lenten season allow us to grow in grace and in a deeper appreciation for the wondrous love of Christ that secures us to Him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Ministers	All the People of God	Bishop	The Rev. Dr. Martin D. McLee
Lay Leaders	Kelly O’Hara & Leigh Bak	Superintendent	The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer
Prayer Chain	Stacy Meszaros	Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt
Child Care Coordinator	Betty Laferriere	Pastoral Assistant	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
Sexton	Bruce Rumford	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
	Interim Administrative Assistant	Mary Lou Kampert	

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher – Kelly O’Hara

Greeters – The Bonish family

Cross Bearer – Tanner Georgelos

Bible Bearer – Juliana Patterson

Acolytes – Josh and Nate Carr

Liturgist – Edie Reichard

GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP is Rev. Bodt at the Dodd Hall door and Ms. Reichard at the Narthex door.

TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS are given in celebration of the baptism of Elise Kaitlyn Pitts; in celebration of Kaylyn Bettencourt’s 17th birthday, given by Grandma and Grandpa; and in loving memory of Nick and Carol Rogers, given by Ken and Elaine Hawkins.

WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God’s presence among us. Please introduce yourself to the pastor or greeters.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR follows worship in Dodd Hall. Today’s hosts are the United Methodist Women. Next Sunday’s hosts are Membership and Evangelism.

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP, see our ushers for:

- Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins
- Hearing Assist Devices
- Children’s bulletins for ages 3 – 6 and 7 – 12

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers will collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others’ permission to share their concerns. These prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. Please also speak your concerns as invited during the prayer.

CHILD CARE: *For children 5 and under* is provided in Wesley Center, building next door to sanctuary – OR – the service may be heard in Dodd Hall, if you wish to use it for restless children during service. *Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary; the child care in Wesley Center is not staffed to provide for these children. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that children leaving the sanctuary must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

INFORMATION: All informational sheets are available in the back of the church.

SERMON COPIES: Church was cancelled due to last week’s snow. Other messages are available in the rear of the church and on the web at www.mtm-umc.org.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

OFFICE HOURS this week are **Tues.** – Fri., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you come and Wesley Center is locked, call Mary Lou at 203.874.1982 or Pastor Brian (203.895.3753).

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by Noon Wed., hard copy or to mtmumc@sbcglobal.net.

OUR ADMIN. ASSISTANT SEARCH continues, led by Staff-Parish Relations. Interested applicants may send resume and cover letter to church168@yahoo.com.

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church & monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERS are taken for Altar Flowers OR “In Lieu of Flowers,” an opportunity to give to missions (UMCOR, UM Army and others – please see info. table in back of church for list). Flowers may be ordered at any time. **When a donation is made in lieu of altar flowers, the cross with a miniature mission scarf will be displayed on the altar in place of flowers.* Please contact Beth O’Brien at 203.877.8668 or by email at bgobrien11@optonline.net or mail: Beth O’Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, Milford, CT 06460.

PLEASE KEEP NAME TAGS on for Fellowship Hour and return them before leaving.

CONTACTING THE PASTORS: **Pastor Brian** (brian.bodt@yahoo.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753) is typically in office 9 – Noon, Mon.-Thurs. **Pastor Hal** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Please inform us of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations as hospital will not release that information to us.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous AND Gamblers Anonymous WEEKLY. Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

PLEASE NOTE: Should there be a medical or other emergency during the worship service, someone designated by the head usher will call #911. Do not call on your cell phone. Multiple calls may delay response. Thank you.

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 10:

Total worship attendance all services: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13. Sunday, Feb. 10 worship cancelled due to blizzard; Total Offering: \$0; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$0; Total Number Persons Engaged in Small Groups: 36; Total number persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. **Important! Small Groups – please email the church office (mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or call (203.874.1982) the number of persons that met.*

Rise Up!

End Violence Against Women and Girls

Program sponsored by New York Annual Conference's Board of Church and Society, Commission on Religion and Race, Connectional Ministries Vision Table, Immigration Task Force, Methodist Federation for Social Action, Methodists in New Directions, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women

Saturday; March 2, 2013
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Presenters:

Rev. Traci West, Ph.D.

Rev. Judy Stevens, Ph.D.

Kymerly McNair, Coordinator of Training, My Sister's Place

Music Leadership by Nehemiah Luckett

Worship Leadership by Rev. Tim Riss and Rev. Paul Fleck

Workshops:

Human and Sex Trafficking

Violence Against Women and Girls in the LGBT Community

Immigrant Vulnerability

Youth Workshop: Relationships and Warning Signs of Violence

Asbury-Crestwood UMC

167 Scarsdale Road

Tuckahoe, New York 10707

REGISTER ON-LINE AT NYAC.COM BY FEBRUARY 23
FEE FOR ADULTS (INCLUDES LUNCH) \$15
FREE FOR YOUTH (GRADES 6-12)

ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

- **WE REGRET THE ABSENCE OF BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS TODAY** owing to prior commitments by all of our Parish Nurses. They will resume in March.
- **DENTAL SUPPLIES COLLECTION** for folks in Appalachia has begun. See the enclosed flier. Both Sunday and Tuesday Confirmation classes have chosen this as a mission project.
- **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** meets at 11:45 a.m. in the Pastor's study.
- **THE SANCTUARY FOR LENT** is a daily devotional guide that began on Ash Wednesday. It is available in the rear of the church this morning in both regular and large-print editions. Please help yourself. If none remain, contact the church office.
- **IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER WITH PASTOR HAL** for the study "Give Up Something Bad for Lent." Tues. eve and Wed. morning sessions. Details in "This Week."
- **OUR CHAPEL WINDOW RESTORATION FUND CONTINUES** with \$1705.00 received as of Feb. 5, reaching over 29% of our \$5,700 goal to reinstall the stained glass in the Chapel's north wall. Checks may be made payable to the church, memo "Stained Glass Windows." See any member of the restoration committee for more details: Bill Petremont, Jim Repetsky, Joan Zauner or Margery Zurko.
- **LAST CALL FOR GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION AWARDS:** we will be setting a study schedule soon. If your daughter is in Girl Scouts and interested, please contact Marcia Winter (203.878.0814; mwinter@optonline.net) Any Girl Scout, grades 1-12, is welcome. Pastor Brian will teach.
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGIST?** We are looking for people interested in assisting in worship leadership by reading the scriptures and prayers as happens each Sunday. If interested, please contact Worship Chair Laura Perregaux at 203.283.5758 or misslmp2@yahoo.com.
- **SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR MEETING SCHEDULE.**
- **LITURGY TODAY** comes from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The U.M. Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

THIS WEEK

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW for President's Day and will **re-open on Tuesday, February 19 at 9 a.m.**

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet **this Tuesday, Feb. 19, Noon** in the Wesley Center, rescheduled from last Tuesday.

ADULT LENTEN STUDY continues, taught by Pastor Hal. Please register at 203.878.8977 or vinkhaljane@yahoo.com. Classes are Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Feb. 19 – March 26 and Wednesdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Feb. 20 – March 27 in the Church Library, Wesley Center. The study is Give Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore, who challenges us to eliminate one destructive habit or attitude. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking. What a better life! The study book is \$8 and scholarship help is available.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (regularly meets every third Thursday) meets this **Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.** in the Wesley Center. New knitters and crochet-ers always welcome. Contact Joan Zauner (203.283.5643/jzauner@yahoo.com).

NEXT SUNDAY

- **LENT II:** "I Do My Best Work Under Pressure" is the sermon based on Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 and Luke 13:31-35. Healing anointing will be offered during the closing hymn. We will have a Pastoral Care Presentation from the Rev. Jani Druck on a ministry to persons suffering from cancer. She will speak more of it at the Caring Ministries team meeting after worship in Wesley Center to which the congregation is cordially invited.

COMING SOON

DRAMATISTS DESIRED! *I am looking for about 8 – 10 persons who will each be willing to memorize about 15 verses of scripture and recite them on Palm Sunday in a dramatic portrayal of the Passion story. Required is desire to enter the story as a spiritual experience; commitment to three rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, March 3, 10 and 17 from about 1-3 p.m.; an ability to memorize; and an ability to recite before the congregation. Based on the response over the next two weeks I will know if I can proceed with this portrayal this year. If you are interested, please contact me at 203.874.1982, ext. 11; or brian.bodt@yahoo.com.*

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS meet Wednesday, February 27th in the Wesley Center to mail the March "Beacon."

COMMUNITY SUPPER AT MTMUMC: We are recruiting help now for the next supper, **Thursday, Feb. 28, any portion of 2 – 6:30 p.m.** If you can help, contact:

Shopping and set-up: Phoebe Repetsky; (jimrepetsky@snet.net 203.874.8688)

Prep and cooking: Jim Repetsky (see contacts above) or Steve Huchet (203.610.7739)

Serving: Joan Zauner (jzauner@yahoo.com; 203.283.5643) or Liz Dillon (elizabethdillon13@yahoo.com; 203.283.1626)

Clean-up: Dave and Eileen Doyle (ddoyle51@aol.com; 203.878.9049)

AMBASSADORS TRAINING will be held **Sunday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. and Monday, March 4 at 8 p.m.** The purpose of Ambassadors will be to intentionally seek and welcome new people on Sunday mornings. The commitment will be to be in church as often as possible from mid-March to mid-September; to briefly greet people new to you; and to invite them to meet the pastors or lay leaders and to come to Fellowship Hour. **You may attend the training times to learn more without making a commitment to serve.** Interested? Speak with Pastor Brian or Cathy Cono (203.878.9218 or spikkio@optonline.net).

THEATER AND DINNER OUTING to the play "Distracted" at Square One Theatre in Stratford will be **Sunday, March 3rd at 2 p.m.**, with optional group dinner afterwards at restaurant in walking distance. Tickets are \$20 / \$19 for senior or student. Play is a comedy about living in our 24/7 sound bites world and how we've tuned out what really matters. Sign up with Membership & Evangelism during Fellowship Hour in February to reserve your spot!

MISSIONS FAIR on **Sunday, March 10th at 11:15 a.m.** in Dodd Hall. More details soon!

A RECONCILING MINISTRIES TWO-PART WORKSHOP will be held on **Saturday, March 16, 1-5 p.m. and Sunday, March 17, 3-6 p.m.** at Asbury-Crestwood U.M. Church, Yonkers, NY. The purpose of these sessions is to help continue our ministry of hospitality to all without regard to sexual orientation. Pastor Brian, Marcia Winter and Leigh Bak are currently committed to attend on March 16th so rides will be available. Please see one of them if interested. More details will follow in the March "Beacon."

HOLD THE DATE: Saturday, March 23 Confirmation trip to New York. Details are still being finalized, but this will be an all-day trip leaving about 8 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m. and taking in John Street UM Church (oldest in America) and Anchor House, a U.M. residential alcohol and drug rehabilitation program. Cost will be somewhere around 30 with scholarship help available. Confirmands and mentors are eligible to attend. More details will follow.