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### The Wayside **BEACON**



Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Callahan

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#### The Broad Brook Congregational Church

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Sunday Worship Services are held at 10:00 AM.

Communion is observed on the first Sunday of each month.

**Church Sunday School** is held from September to June and starts at 10:30 AM after the children and teachers leave the Worship Service.

**Nursery** supervision is provided for infants and children ages 5 and under during Sunday morning Service.

The **Choir** meets every Sunday at 8:45 AM from September through June. Adults and young adults are welcome even if you don't consider yourself a strong singer. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Rev. Callahan maintains **office hours** on Wednesdays from 8:00 AM to Noon. Calls for the Pastor should be made through the office at 860-623-4547. In <u>an emergency</u>, you may call Rev. Callahan at home (860) 871-8999.

Please email Tomaca, info@TGovan.com with announcements or corrections to the Beacon.

Days, weeks and months passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to

find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.



As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the

window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall.

She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations.

- Written by Unknown



Well, here we are again. Another January has rolled around, which means that we need another joke edition



of the Beacon. We could all do with some happy and cheerful news after having put up with the slings and arrows of last year's weather. So here's to a brighter and lighter 2012, helped along by a few stories.

As many of you know, I spent some time last year in the mid-west, and during that time I learnt quite a bit about the BIG 12 football teams, so here are some things I found out:

- Q. What does the average Texas football player get on his SATs?
- A. Drool
- Q. What do you get when you put 32 Texas Tech. Cheerleaders in one room?
- A. A full set of teeth.
- Q. How do you get an Oklahoma graduate off your porch?
- A. Pay him for the pizza
- Q. How do you know if a Nebraska player has a girlfriend?
- A. There is tobacco spit on both sides of his truck.
- Q. How do you get a University of Iowa cheerleader in your room?
- A. Grease her hips and push.

(I know that Iowa is not in the Big 12 - but I can't spell Colorado)

- Q. What are the longest three years of a Kansas football player's life?
- A. Freshman year.
- Q. How many Missouri freshmen does it take to change a light bulb?
- A. None. That's a sophomore course.

#### "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." - Clarence Darrow

I sat at the bar staring at my untouched drink. Suddenly a 6' 8" tattooed biker steps up next to me and grabs my drink. He then grinned at me and gulped down

"Well, whatcha says into tears. "Come on didn't think give someone a grown man "This is the say. "I'm a

late to a



my drink in one swig. gonna do about it?' he menacingly, as I burst

man," the biker says, "I you'd CRY. I just need to hard time, not watch a crying." worst day of my life," I complete failure. I was meeting and my boss

fired me. When I went to the parking lot I found my car had been stolen, and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found a note from my wife that she had run off with the gardener, and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink. I drop a capsule in it, and sit here watching the poison dissolve. Then you show up and drink the whole thing."

"But enough about me, how's your day going?"

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."

- Groucho Marx



#### TWO MEN

Submitted by Richard York, Jr.

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene.



One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

#### **Board of Deacons**

The Board of Deacons would like to thank everyone who was a Lay Reader or lead a Children's Sermon during 2011. The lay persons taking part in the morning worship service is an important addition to our worship service.

The 2011 Advent and Christmas season has just about come to an end. Epiphany is on January 6, 2012. The Baptism of Christ or the first Sunday after Epiphany is January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward --- Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. During Lent the Deacons will once again hold Lenten Lunches. Soup, prepared by a Deacon, and bread is served while Rev. Callahan leads an informal discussion on topics such as Lent, the Sacraments, the United Church of Christ and any topic chosen by the Deacons. The classes are enriching to all who attend. Everyone is welcome.

Anyone interested in becoming an Active Member of Broad Brook Congregational Church and any youth interested in Confirmation are urged to attend the Lenten Lunches. Confirmation is held on Pentecost Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. More information will be published later.

Easter is on April 8<sup>th</sup>, therefore our Maundy Thursday worship Service will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>. On Maundy Thursday, the night of the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples, our first Communion Class will receive their First Communion.

Our Congratulations to Rich and Linda York on the birth of their first grand daughter, Brianna Cadence York, born to Rich and Amy York.

Congratulations to Beth Ann (Siekiera) and Christopher Walker who were married on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> in Middleburg, VA. Beth is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Siekiera.

Happy and Healthy New Year to All

- Betty Stratton, Chairwoman of the Board of Deacons



Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He's not breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his cell phone and dials 911.

"I think my friend is dead!" he yells. "What can I do?"

The operator says, "Calm down. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There was silence, then a shot. Back on the phone, the guy says, "Okay, now what?"

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about."
- Winston Churchill

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play, bring a friend...if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

A turtle is crossing the road when he's mugged by two snails. When the police show up, they asked him what happened. The shaken turtle replies, "I don't know. It all happened so fast."

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."
- Winston Churchill

Man is sitting at home on the porch with his wife and he says, "I love you." She asks, "Is that you or the beer talking?"

He replies, "It's me......talking to the beer."

#### Calendar of Events

#### January

18-Rev. Callahan has office hours

8am to noon

21-Deacons meet at 9am

25-Rev. Callahan has office hours

8am to noon 26-ANNUAL MEETING @ 7pm



#### **February**

1-Rev. Callahan has office hours 8am to noon

8-Rev. Callahan has office hours 8am to noon

2-Trustees meet at 11:10 am

15-Beacon News due

Rev. Callahan has office hours 8am to noon

18-Deacons meet @ 9am

20-Presidents' Day

22-Ash Wednesday

Rev. Callahan has office hours 8am to noon

29-Rev. Callahan has office hours 8am to noon

#### March

4- Communion

7- Rev. Callahan has office hours 8 am to noon

11- Trustees meet @ 11:10 am

14- Rev. Callahan has office hours 8 am to noon

17- Deacons meet @ 9am St. Patrick's Day

20- First Day of Spring

21- Rev. Callahan has office hours 8 am to noon

28-Rev. Callahan has office hours 8 am to noon

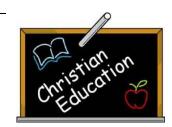
(Note calendar of events posted may change and you may also refer to the calendar and schedules on our website: http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org)

#### Christian Education Committee



The Christian Education class put on a wonderful Christmas pageant on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The traditional story, rewritten by Mary Velazquez was acted out by various members of the Christian Education class. There were angels, wise men, the inn keeper, and of course Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. All who attended church on the 18<sup>th</sup> enjoyed the presentation.

Broad Brook Congregational Church has started its Christian Education program for 2011-2012. Mary Velazquez has again stepped in as our teacher of Sunday School. To date, approximately ten children are taking part in the program and there is always



room for more. The class will begin preparing for first communion and confirmation beginning in January 2012. Ethan Jones will be assisting Mary with projects and other duties. To register your child(ren), please plan on attending services and meeting with Mary before Church begins. Services begin at 10 a.m.

#### The Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee

Celebrating the Constitution

STOCKTON

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee presented a draft of the entire revised document to the Broad Brook Congregational Church Council on Nov. 15, 2011. The entire revised document is available at the Church for review by all members.

There will be a Church Vote on the entire revised Constitution and By-Laws of Broad Brook Congregational Church at the

Annual Church meeting on January 26, 2012. All Active Members are urged to attend.

Any questions please contact a member of the committee. Linda York, Betty Stratton and David Conant.



Rev. Dr. Joseph & Laura Callahan January 10, 2012 A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The little silver-haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help her with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh, "Let's put all the corn flakes back in the box."

Nordic Track for sale \$300. Hardly used. Ask for Chubby

A guy takes his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They

had great seats, right behind their team's bench. After the game he asked her how she liked it. "Oh I really liked it," she replied, especially the tight pants and the big muscles. But I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it, and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was......Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback! I'm like .....Hellooooo? It's only 25 cents!!!"

Jokes from Rev. Joe, continued

Q. Why did Oklahoma State choose orange as their team color?

A. You can wear it to the game on Saturday, hunting on Sunday, and picking up trash along the highway the rest of the week.

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

- Oscar Wilde

A ventriloquist is performing with his dummy on his lap. He's telling a dumb- blonde joke when a young platinum-haired beauty jumps to her feet. "What gives you the right to stereotype blondes that way?" she demands. "What does hair color have to do with my worth as a human being?" Flustered, the ventriloquist begins to stammer out an apology. "You keep out of this!" she yells. "I'm talking to that little jerk on your knee!"

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."
- Mark Twain



A guy spots a sign outside a house, "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in.

"So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog.

"I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims.

Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"



#### From the Flower Committee

Please consider donating flowers for the church services. If the date wanted is taken, we will gladly make an exception, double the plant order and add the dedication to the bulletin. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call Laura at 860-871-8999. The price for the beautiful fresh flower Sunday arrangement is \$17.50. Please make out checks to Broad Brook Congregational Church and give to Laura Callahan.





A summer image from our beautiful Memorial Garden.



#### **January**

Mrs. Beth Siekiera Walker	6
Mr. Zachary Siekiera	9
Mrs. Janice Lang	10
Mr. Todd J. Emmette	22
Mrs. Katheryn M. Zeuschner	26
Ms. Katie Siekiera	30

#### **February**

Mrs. Joyce Bonelli	1
Mr. Tyler Morin	11
Mr. Jason DiMauro	12
Mr. Jerry Marquis	14
Mrs. Penny Savoie	18
Arthur Sweet	20
Miss Amanda Bonelli	23
Miss Brittany Townsend	28

Add news and information in the next Wayside Beacon -The deadline is February 15. Please forward to Tomaca Govan via email info@TGovan.com.

### Free Puppies: 1/2 Cocker Spaniel, ½ sneaky neighbor's dog

In Ireland men tend not to marry until they are in their late forties, if they ever get married at all. But, all males over the age of ten have a dog. This is the result of the research that was done into why many men have a dog but no wife:

- The later you are, the more excited the dog is to see you.
- Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.
- Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
- A dog's parents never visit.
- Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.
- Dogs like to go hunting and fishing.
- A dog will not wake you up at night to ask, "If I died would you get another dog?"
- If a dog has babies, you can put an ad in the paper and give them away.
- If a dog smells another dog on you, they don't get mad, they think it's interesting
- If a dog leaves, it won't take half your stuff.

To test this theory:	lock your v	wife and your	dog in the	garage for ar
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Rev. Joe

#### Announcements

#### VOTE ON THE REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The revised Constitution and By-Laws of BBCC will be presented for vote to Active members at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 7 pm. All active members are urged to attend to vote. Copies are on the table are in the narthex of the church. The committee: Linda York, Betty Stratton and Daye Conant

**GREETER VOLUNTEERS** - there are openings for Greeters for the months of Nov., Dec., and January. Sign-up can be for 1, 2 or more weeks. The sign-up poster hangs in the fellowship hall or see Betty Stratton.

<u>DAILY DEVOTIONAL</u> - The recent edition of the Daily Devotional booklet "**Our Daily Bread**" is available on the table in the narthex. Please feel feel to take one.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** - during inclement weather when church service may need to be cancelled, please watch WFSB Channel 3 or listen to WTIC am on the radio.

<u>PLEDGE ENVELOPES</u> are now available for those who pledged to the Broad Brook Congregational Church for 2012. They are on the table in the narthex. Anyone who did not pledge and would like to do so there are pledge cards on the table. Anyone who did not pledge and would like offering envelopes, please see Bill Stratton, Treasurer of Collections.

A 2011 record of your donations to Broad Brook Congregational Church is available, please see or contact Bill Stratton to receive one.

#### VISIT US ON THE WEB:

http://BroadBrookCongregationalChurch.org. All calendars and scheduled volunteer lists are available on line. Please visit and offer your feedback. Also, "friend" us on Facebook!



Our "Chef" Wayne Siekiera



Thanks to everyone who helped us sponsor a family for Christmas this year. Together, we brought smiles to an entire family!



#### List for Lay Readers

The Rotation List for the Lay Readers will be posted in the Beacon and the weekly Bulletin as

well as on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to volunteer, please see Betty Stratton or sign up on any of the open dates on the poster. **Readings may be subject to change.** 

#### Lay Readers Schedule

Jan. 15	Katherine Mickens	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18
Jan. 22	Joyce Jordan	Ps 62:5-12
Jan. 29	Dave Conant	Ps 111
Feb. 5	Joyce Bonelli	Ps 147:1-11
Feb. 12	John Curran	Ps 30
Feb. 19	Linda York	Ps 50:1-6
Feb. 26	Tracey Morin	Ps 25:1-10
Mar. 4	Laura Callahan	Ps 22:23-31
Mar. 11	Kristin Curran	Ps 19
Mar. 18	Jose Velazquez	Ps 107:1-3,17-22
Mar. 25	Bob Cormier	Ps 51:1-12
Apr. 1	Debbie Siekiera	Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
Apr. 8	Mike Siekiera	Ps 133
Apr. 15	Warren Wenz	Ps 4
Apr. 22	Dr. James Clark	Ps 4
Apr. 29	Wade Signor	Ps 23
May 6	Rich York	Ps 22:25-31
May 13	Joyce Jordan	Ps 98
May 20	Mike Siekiera	Ps 1
May 27	Kristin Curran	Ps 104:24-34, 35b
Jun. 3	Tracey Morin	Ps 29
Jun. 10	Dave Conant	Ps 138
Jun. 17	Katherine Mickens	Ps 20
Jun. 24	Bob Cormier	Ps 9:9-20

#### Ways and Means Committee

#### **Ecumenical Bazaar**

The Ways & Means Committee would like to thank everyone for their support for this years Ecumenical Bazaar even though the event had to be canceled. We had people all signed up to bake, transport, help set-up, cashier, wait tables, etc. Our freak, untimely winter snowstorm turned everyones' lives upside down. Some lost power for only a few days, others lost it for over a week which included our church. It wasn't possible to meet at the church to sort, price or prepare anything with no power or heat. Most of our volunteer bakers lived in the areas that had no power. Of course that week the weather was colder than the week preceding it and the week after. Oh what a mess it was for everyone. Canceling was no fun either since so many people didn't have phone service on top of everything else. Naturally our committee tried to get an alternate date from the venue but the only date available was December 3rd which was the date of our Pot Roast Supper. That is a very busy weekend for other church bazaars, we had tried that weekend before and found it to be too late in the season to sell our wares. It is better to sell our product when people are just planning their holiday seasons which is at the beginning of November. This would have been the Ecumenical Bazaar's 41st consecutive year. This is the first time in its history that it had to be canceled. BBCC was going to be the "Host" church this year. This was also going to be the first year at the new venue location at the Scout Hall Youth Center on Abbe Road in East Windsor, BBCC would like to be the Host church next year since we put so much effort and thought into the planning. Our committee was anxious to carry out the new plans as to work out all the kinks that come with change before passing it on to the next church on the chain. The Ecumenical Bazaar Committee will need to hold a special bazaar meeting sometime in January to vote on BBCC staying the host church for 2012.

#### Ways and Means Committee (continued)

To offset the expenses we had incurred in planning the bazaar, a small sampling of items were set up in the Fellowship Hall to be sold. This table has been traditionally set-up after the bazaar for a few weeks for those who could not get to the bazaar and for our guests. There is always something there for someone!! The homemade soap with the fake bugs in them has always been a favorite stocking stuffer for the children in our lives. Something to look forward to next year!

#### **Pot Roast Supper**

The Pot Roast Supper was fantastic as always. The meat was so tender and that gravy is to die for! The mashed potatoes with the gravy on top is a meal in itself! Then of course there's the homemade desserts from the ladies of our church to complete the whole meal experience; that is if you had any room left for dessert! Some of us needed to take a doggy bag home to enjoy at a later time! We unfortunately did not have our usual sold out crowd but that is what happens when there are other church suppers going on simultaneously. Thank you every one for your help, donations from our "Wish List" and your support. There's a bit of work involved but there sure is a lot of wonderful fellowship time for all involved. Why else would we keep coming back to help!

#### Thank You!

The Ways & Means Committee would like to extend to all a very big Thank you to all who have helped us make 2011 another very successful year of fundraising for our church. Our efforts help bring in the extra money needed to support the general fund that keeps our church running efficiently. Like our homes, our church costs money to operate. Without all your generous donations we wouldn't be the church we are today. Naturally donations come in different packages so don't forget that we need you all! Our committee looks forward to working with you all in 2012, where we will have a new list of events planned for another year of work but also fun! We don't anticipate anything before our Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper in March so enjoy a few months off! Again, "Thank you" for all your hard work. Happy New Year everyone!!!

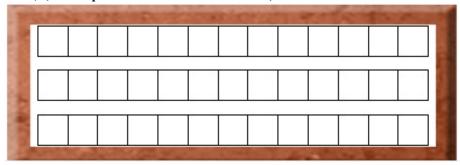
#### Memorial Garden Order Form

Fill out the form below with your desired inscription to purchase a Memorial Garden engraved brick and /or a Memorial Garden nameplate. Send the form along with \$35.00 for **each** item to:

Memorial Garden Broad Brook Congregational Church P.O. Box 466, Broad Brook, CT 06016

<u>Memorial Garden Brick:</u> (placed within the garden, along the path on the mulch) (Leave spaces between words and dates)

**Memorial Garden Nameplate:** (placed onto the Dovecote Pole)



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#### We Love Our Volunteers!

Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Contact people are below.

Lay Readers - Betty Stratton (860-623-2729)

Greeters - Connie Cormier (860-292-6848)

**Refreshments -** Selma Grant (860-623-3542)

**Flowers** - Laura Callahan (860-871-8999)

Children's Sermons - Betty Stratton (860-623-2729)

Ride to Church: Connie Cormier (860-292-6848) or

Rich York (860-623-4287)

Notes of Cheer, etc. - Nancy Nodwell (860-623-6045) Nancy will

gladly send a card or note for ALL occasions.

#### **Friendship Committee**

There are openings for coffee hour host/ hostess. Please check the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to see which weeks are available.



#### **CUT-A-COUPON**

Making a donation as a wonderful way to remember a special anniversary, to say "thank you," celebrate a special event, or to make a donation in memory of a special loved one or a friend who has passed away. Check the appropriate box below to tell us where you would like your donation to go.

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	Building Maintenance		\$
	Music Committee		\$
	Kitchen & Cleaning Su	ipplies	\$
	Office Supplies		\$
	Sunday School		\$
	Coffee Hour		\$
	Historian (storage cont	ainers)	\$
	Other (Please Specify)		\$
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		Broad Brook Congregation	nal Church

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#### Children's Sermon Schedule



January 1	Communion			
8	Rev. Callahan			
15	Linda York			
22	Katherine Mickens			
29	Rev. Callahan			
February 5	Communion			
12	Tracey Morin			
19	Dr. James Clark			
26	Rev. Callahan			
March 4	Communion			
11	Carol Innes			
18	Wade Signor			
25	Rev. Callahan			
April 1	Communion (Palm Sunday)			
8	Linda York (Easter)			
15	Katherine Mickens			
22	Tracey Morin			
29	Rev. Callahan			
May 6	Communion			
13	Wade Signor			
20	Dr. James Clark			
27	Tracey Morin (Pentecost)			
June 3	Communion			
10	Children's Sunday			

#### Changing the World to Make A Difference



There was a family from Windsor Locks, CT, who a few years ago visited Montana. While they where there, they visited a memorial to a special group of persons who committed themselves to making a difference in other people's lives......outside the Lewis & Clarke interpretative center in Great Falls, Montana lies a dedication plaque with a quote from Margaret Meade which

admonished us to never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world.

#### "Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark"

- 1. Don't miss the boat.
- 2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3. Plan ahead....It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4. Stay fit...When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really, really big.
- 5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6. Build your future on high ground.
- 7. Speed isn't always an advantage....The snails were on board the ark along with the cheetahs.
- 8. For Safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
- 10. Remember, the ark was built by amateurs: the titanic by professionals.
- 11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.
  - Submitted by Bob Cormier