

# EDITORIAL

## WISE AND OTHERWISE

By Kent A. Stock



**Would you like some advice?**

If it is unsolicited advice then nine times out of ten my reply is going to be absolutely not. Unsolicited advice is basically an answer someone feels compelled to give to you when you didn't even ask a question. I don't care much for it.

However it seems someone is always on standby to offer up their assistance on any number of topics whether you wish to know or not. Back in the olden times, say thirty years ago or more, you had to actually corner someone to share your wisdom or maybe you could catch them on the

phone. If you offered up this unsolicited advice too often that is why people crossed the street when they saw you or did not answer your calls (thank you caller ID!).

Now with all our advanced technology everyone can offer unsolicited advice to anyone, anywhere at any time. There is no escaping these folks now. Even worse, our appliances, phones and gadgets offer advice of their own. We don't even need humans; scary!

One of my favorite categories of things I didn't really need to know but here I am clicking on the link to the article anyway is: Things that are going to kill

you. I don't mean the obvious things but the less obvious things that are lurking out there to do you in.

I somewhat read through an article recently that the latest nemesis of mankind is hiding out in your laundry room, right now. That is dryer sheets. Yup, your Bounce is literally trying to bounce you out of existence.

I don't really recall what it was going to do to us, maybe give us all Mad Dryer Sheet disease? Why let the cows get all the glory? Who knew that the Downy girl was actually Lizzie Borden in disguise and that Snuggle Bear was preparing to go on a murderous rampage? It was on the internet so it must be true.

Someday, I think I'll write a book about all the things the internet says is trying to kill me. I know no one out there requested a book like that so just call it unsolicited authorship. I'll let you know when and where my book signings will be even though you didn't ask.

## Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



**For The Love Of A Dog**  
I was sitting there flipping through a magazine when I felt the weight of a stare. I turned my head to the right, and was surprised to see small glistening eyes peering at me through the closed window. Just staring.

I lowered the window, and the small boy that was standing there bravely spoke to me, "Excuse me, where's your dog? I saw it yesterday and I wanted to pet it but I had to get home. Do you still have it?"

"Yes, I still have her. Her name is Paisley. It was too hot to bring her today. I'll bring her tomorrow if it's not so hot."

The boy smiled and ran along with the string of other kids leaving the school building.

The next day when I went to pick up my kids at school, I did bring my dog Paisley with me. As expected, the little boy stopped at my van to pet my dog and chat with me. Soon, Mason, as I discovered his name, was a nearly daily

encounter that Paisley and I welcomed equally.

I witnessed both dog and boy coming out of their shells, opening their hearts, stepping out of their comfort zones, and forming a bond. Mason began opening up to me as well, telling me about his day, informing me of the kids in his grade who say bad words, and even wanted me to teach him how to crochet.

So I said all of that to say this: Love breaks down barriers. Love tears down walls. There is no purer love than that from

a dog. Dogs love without judging, without expecting, without conditions. Dogs won't leave when the going gets tough. Dogs will stay by your side when you are sick. Dogs don't give up on you. Dogs can love in a way that humans cannot.

You can never know love in its fullest until you have been loved by a dog. If you are lonely, do yourself a favor and find a dog to love. You can rescue each other. Love changes things.

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1st one of each month

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Monday—Friday

Ladies Prayer Group—9:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Youth Service—7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday

Bible Study—7:30 p.m.

Free Home Bible Study

We welcome you to worship with us in all of our services

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Church 832-8398,

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Service Times

Sunday

Adult Sunday School—

9-9:45 a.m.

Soul Cafe- 9am-9:45

Worship & Service—10:00 a.m.

RUSH Youth Group

1st & 3rd Sunday 5-7pm

Celebrate Recovery

7:15pm

Wednesday

Men's & Women's Bible

Study-6:30-8 p.m.

Thursday

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302 Second St., Villa Grove

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Church 832-3971

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Monday-Thursday 9am - noon

Email: secretary.vgumc@yahoo.com

Website: www.vgumcweb.org

Find us on Facebook for upcoming events

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School

For All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Worship

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of each month

Walkers are welcome Monday-

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March 6, 7:00 PM

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April 14, 10:30 am

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April 18, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday,

April 21, 10:30 am

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9:30a.m.

Age 4-5th Grade

Sunday Morning

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Church—832-9388

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8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pastor - Lenny Summar

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Sunday 10:00am

Sunday @ St. Michaels in Hume

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PSR:

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