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## What Did We Learn at the 2023 Leadership Retreat?

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In the last edition of the Pathfinder, I highlighted some of the topics we focused on during FCC's 2023 Leadership Retreat. I also invited any feedback you'd like to share regarding those questions. In this second article about the retreat, I'd like to share with you some of the gleanings we discovered in small and large group conversations.

In one long sentence, I heard us describe ourselves overall as a congregation who, in the spirit of Christ, values meaningful, authentic, inclusive, accepting, loving, intergenerational and relevant worship, fellowship, education and outreach that is generous and resourceful with our time, talent and treasure. We seek to embody the humble, gracious and unconditional welcome of Jesus Christ as he has welcomed each of us and are a congregation that embraces questions and growing in faith together.

Because we want to live out who we say we are, some of the priorities that surfaced in our conversations were as follows:

Growing our children, youth and young adult ministries to include being a welcoming landing place for

Wabash students and singles of all ages. We agreed we need to grow in sharing our communal story, and the hope we've experienced, with others who may be looking for a refuge or a spiritual home. It was shared that there are people that just don't know we're here and inviting someone to church is statistically the number one reason people visit a new church.

We'd like to continue to be creative and bold in our great efforts in outreach as well take time to grow in our relationships through fellowship opportunities like hiking or hosting an intergenerational picnic at a state park, planning annual intergenerational outreach and immersion trips here in the U.S. and perhaps even abroad. Continue to include storytelling and sharing in small circle groups, in home groups, and in worship. Create more inclusive opportunities for all to

participate in Sunday lunch gatherings and dinners for 8. Hosting monthly movie or documentary nights, have a booth at the Farmers Market or an intergenerational stargazing night.

In addition to offering more education opportunities,

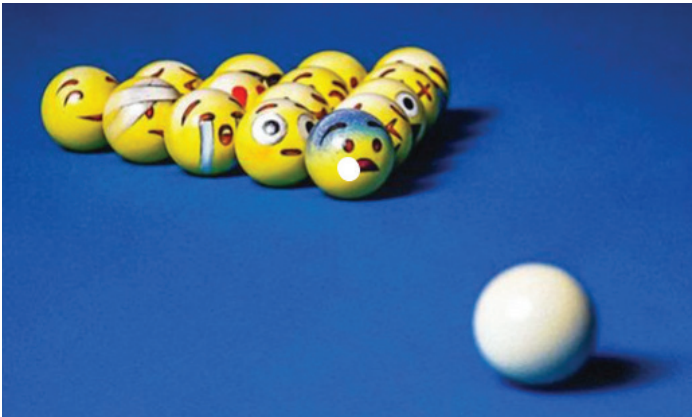
there was also lots of discussion about worship. Some of the hopes voiced centered around a worship that offers a variety of genres of music, along with the hymns, and a variety of instruments (but not a drum set). Intergenerational Choir, bells and chimes were also of high interest to all.

This only scratches the surface and there's so much more to share; but you can see that we are creatively imagining the future. If you would like to see the write-up of all the dreams we had, or wish to add your own, please let me know and I'll see you get a copy! Let us give thanks for how the Spirit is inspiring new energy to walk the walk in new ways as we explore the "branches" of our life together even as we root ourselves deeply in the Good News that is the reason for our very existence!

***Grace and Peace,  
Darla***

# UPCOMING

The calendar of events and activities is emailed on the first of each month—but you can also find an updated schedule online at [fccville.org/events](http://fccville.org/events) or call the church office to request a copy.



**Ladies Lunch Bunch** will dine on Thurs. Oct. 19 at 1 pm in Ladoga's EMPORIUM Restaurant's newly expanded dining area. Please contact [bonyund@hotmail.com](mailto:bonyund@hotmail.com) if you wish to meet @ FCC & share rides!! All gals are welcome, church member or not!!

## FCC BOOK CLUB

### First Christian Men's Pool Fellowship

First Christian Men's Pool Fellowship re-started last year after having been on hold for nearly 2 ½ years — along with the blessings of banter, conversation, competition, and world problem-solving sessions by the men who participated.

We will be starting again soon and are inviting men interested in participating to let Rex Henthorn ([rexh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rexh@sbcglobal.net) or 362-5557) know of your willingness to join in the fellowship. If you have questions, Rex, Ron Yund, Gerry Coats, Brad Plank, or Rick Stout and many others are willing to share their stories and fun experiences. A schedule of meetings will be published to the 'regulars' and the 'substitutes' mid-October setting dates for those wanting to participate during the next few months grouping the 4 or 6 'regulars' to meet, greet, and compete on the 2nd and 4th weeks each month through fall, winter and spring.

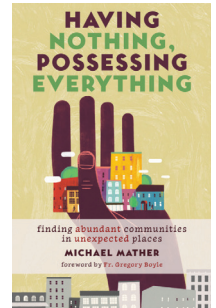


On October 3, Aaron Morrison from St John's will lead the discussion on ***Having Nothing, Possessing Everything: Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places***, by a Methodist pastor from Indianapolis, Michael Mather.

November's book is ***The Leavers*** by Lisa Ko. And on Dec. 5, we welcome **Agata Szczeszak-Brewer**, author of ***The Hunger Book: A Memoir from Communist Poland***. She will be happy to sign books and answer questions.

One copy of each book is (or will be soon) available through our church library.

**If you would like me to order a copy of any of the books for you, I would be happy to place the order and have it delivered straight to you.** Remember, this group is open to the entire community. Feel free to invite friends! Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709 or [fcc.comm211@gmail.com](mailto:fcc.comm211@gmail.com).



This Sunday is WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

## The Patchwork Gospel

1 Corinthians 12: 1-7, 11-26  
REV. DARLA GOODRICH





## New FCC Gallery Hall Exhibit!

A wonderful new art exhibit was recently installed in FCC's Gallery Hall featuring the beautiful paintings of the late **Raymond Melevage**, father, father-in-law and grandfather of Paul & Lacey Melevage and their daughters, Sophia, Caroline and Sarah. Raymond received both a B.S. and M.S. in Art Education and taught for over 40 years including time at Southmont and Avon High Schools, and at Purdue University. His work has been featured at many art shows and you will see why! Special thanks to the Melevage family for blessing us with Raymond's beautiful work! Special thanks also to Kelly O'Dell Stanley who arranged this exhibit, Kym Bushong who installed the creative array of paintings, and to Sandy Henthorn who greeted folks all day at our gallery on Saturday, September 23, during the downtown Crawfordsville Art Walk!

## Reconciliation Ministry Offering

"The time is always ripe to do what is right."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



An annual Special Offering for the **Disciples Reconciliation Ministry** will be received this **Sunday, October 1, 2023**. Because we seek to be a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church, Disciples have had a historic visible ministry to address racism in society. Gifts to Reconciliation Ministry, through this annual offering, or throughout the year, support ministry programs, education and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism.

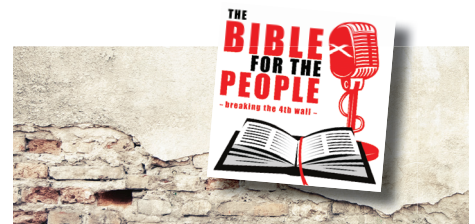
### Did you know that 50% of your gift comes back directly to our region?

Your gifts enable us to continue to equip our church to practice faithfulness with regard to the elimination of racism and to work towards racial reconciliation. Your gifts will enable the Christian Church to continue to be who we say we are. Your advocacy and financial support are much appreciated.



## Everything's Cool Now!

If you're wondering why the sanctuary is now nice and cool, it's because two new air conditioning units were recently installed after two old ones were barely hanging on and finally gave out! Special thanks to Property Chair, **Tom Keedy**, who oversaw the 2 day installation, along with his, and Keeper of the House Kym Bushong's, continued care of our 21,000 square foot Building!! You all are a blessing!!



## Bible for the People Podcast is BACK!

Pastors Darla & Kevin and Chuck Ranspach are back with our bible podcast, starting with the books of 1st and 2nd Kings. We will be recording and releasing episodes every other week, starting October 13th. All episodes will be shared on the church Facebook page and you can find the podcast on Apple, Spotify, and Google. As always, you can reach out to us and ask any questions you have at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.

## A New Opportunity!

The FCC Council of Ministry Leaders were recently made aware of a need in our FCC community, for a number of people, who are unable to do small physical jobs at home due to health or aging. This would include things like installing bathroom grab bars, outdoor handrails, smoke detectors or replacing their batteries, troubleshooting dripping faucets or running toilets, screen repair, trim lower tree limbs or overgrown bushes, change out light bulbs and other more minor jobs.

If you are interested in serving in this way and would be willing to be put on a list to be called/e-mailed OR you would like to coordinate this simply by e-mail or calling people on the list, please e-mail 211fccville@gmail.com. The Council of Ministry Leaders is looking for a partner in the congregation who would be willing to lead this with their support, encouragement, and any guidance needed. Thank you for considering this great opportunity to serve those in our church family in need!



NEIGHBORS  
HELPING  
NEIGHBORS



**2182**

No, that's not my old school locker combination. Not an address on our street. But it's a pretty big number. 2,182 is the number on the scales for all the food we've donated to the FISH Food Pantry in 2023. I've been ready to broadcast the news when we hit one ton for the year. We reached a ton, and went well beyond it last Sunday. And you may want to know that we gave 2,109 cans, jars, boxes, tubes, and brushes to reach that ton.

When I went into the Sanctuary Sunday morning, there were already cans and jars in all four of the baskets our children use to collect food. I put all the stuff into one basket to free up the other three for the kids.

I'd had a call from a member who would not be in church on Sunday to say she'd left cans in the little four-drawer receptacle by the door to the parking lot. Sure enough.

When I saw what our youngsters were receiving from the congregation, I was wowed. After church I filled up two heavy boxes and one full basket and headed for the car. When I got there, there were bags of groceries already stacked in the back.

I mentioned recently that the average weight of our weekly food contributions for this year had been 45 lbs. Then we had the "empty shelves" crisis at FISH, and your response on Aug. 27 was 138 lbs.

Since then, our weights are	9/03	117,
	9/10	83,
	9/17	58,
and this past Sunday,	9/24	188 pounds.

You folks are just terrific. Thank you for your faithfulness to this ministry to food-insecure families. I spend my Tuesday afternoons at FISH, and I meet a lot of parents who are so relieved, so grateful, that they won't have to worry about feeding their kids for a couple of weeks.

There are children in our world and in our county who can't count on eating a meal before going to bed. I was hungry and you gave me food. That's where we come in. Thanks for being here.

~Don Lindsay



Join us for our Stewardship Series as we explore the challenges, opportunities and great gifts of an overflowing life!

**10/08**      *When Enough Is Enough*      Rev. Darla Goodrich  
STEWARDSHIP 1      Mt 20:1-16

**10/15**      *Casting Our Fear*      Rev. Darla Goodrich  
STEWARDSHIP 2      Luke 5:1-11

**10/22**      *Hidden Generosity*      Rev. Kevin Toth  
STEWARDSHIP 3      Mark 12:41-44

**10/29**      *My Cup Overflows*      Rev. Darla Goodrich  
PLEDGE SUNDAY      Psalm 23





# YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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The first 2 weeks of WOW have been off to an amazing start!



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
Oct 1	The Great Pearl	Mary Fossnock
Oct 8	The Sower	Sara Nicodemus
Oct 15	The Good Samaritan	Kate Lindsay
Oct 22	The Great Banquet	Gwen Carlson
Oct 29	The Prodigal Son	Beth Lindsay

*All children ages 4 to 12 are invited to participate in our Worship and Wonder curriculum!*

## Multi-Church Youth Group Gathering: October 22nd @ 3pm

Hosted at Christ Lutheran Church

All youth 4th grade and older are invited to join the youth at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church and Christ Lutheran Church for an ecumenical youth gathering! Each month, a different church will host youth and have an opportunity for fellowship and provide service to the community! Next month in October, we will help with the community gardens at Christ Lutheran Church.

Please contact Pastor Kevin if you have any questions.



## New Regional Minister Called!

The Regional Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana has called **Rev. Dr. Christal L. Williams** to serve as the next Regional Minister. The historic decision was made with a unanimous vote of the Board during a called meeting on September 2, 2023. Rev. Dr. Williams will begin her ministry here in January 2024.

Rev. Dr. Williams currently serves as the Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church in Tennessee, a position she has held since 2016. Prior to her ministry in Tennessee, she served 17 years as Associate Regional Minister in the Illinois/Wisconsin Region. She understands congregational dynamics and employs a style of leadership that many people describe as “grace-filled and truth-telling.” She possesses a bold faith in Jesus Christ and a deep love for God’s people.



Born in Cleveland, OH, Christal is a graduate of Jarvis Christian University (Hawkins, TX) and Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis, IN). She received her Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. She is a former Trustee of Christian Theological Seminary and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Christian Church Foundation and the Executive Committee for International Disciples Women’s Ministries. She was ordained in 1998 at Southport Christian Church in Indianapolis, IN.

At its meeting, the Regional Board also called Rev. Carolyn Reed to serve as Acting Regional Minister through the end of 2023. Carolyn has faithfully served as Associate Regional Minister in Indiana for the past 24 years. She will continue to provide care and leadership to congregations and clergy in the Region during this time of transition.

The Collective!

# MOVIE SERIES

FINE ARTS CENTER, WABASH COLLEGE  
504 S GRANT AVE, ROOM M120  
3:00 PM  
YOU ARE INVITED

FREE MOVIE. FREE POPCORN. FREE CANDY. FREE DRINKS

## SATURDAY, NOV 11TH

*In New York City, pianist Joe Gardner teaches music part-time at a middle school while dreaming of playing jazz professionally. When he receives an offer to teach full-time, his mother Libba urges him to accept, although Joe is resistant. Joe learns famous jazz musician Dorothea Williams has an opening in her quartet and auditions at a jazz club. Impressed with Joe's piano playing, Dorothea hires him for that night's show. As Joe heads off, his excitement distracts him, and he falls down an open manhole into the sewer drain.*

**THE COLLECTIVE** Group  
a committee of *Humans United for Equality*

**HUMANS UNITED FOR EQUALITY**

Sponsored by a committee of HUE (Humans United for Equality), this movie night is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with this community. Join them at the Wabash Fine Arts Center for this inter-generational event, complete with free popcorn, drinks, and candy.



We had a great response to Voices for Peace’s “planting kindness seeds” at the 5th annual Celebration of Unity event at Pike Place on Sept. 16th.



# PRAYER

## Help us keep this list up to date!

Please email [fcc.comm211@gmail.com](mailto:fcc.comm211@gmail.com) if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update. Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.



### Pray for our Shut-ins

*Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.*

BICKFORD: **TIM NANNET, ROD GONSO**

WHITLOCK: **CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)**

HOME: **DALLAS McDONALD, NANCY ROGERS, BOB DIXON, PAUL & MARIAN CASS**

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

**SHEILA CLARK**—recovering from hip surgery at Wellbrooke, room 105. Visitors in masks welcome.

**MARLYN DIMMICK**—recovering from eye surgery involving her cornea

**JORDAN TURNER** (Gerry Turner's grandson) and family—recovering from surgery to repair broken bones following a motorcycle accident

Family of **RICHARD PACK** (grandfather of Richelle Jeffries) on Richard's passing

**AMY WOODALL**—ongoing serious health challenge

**MARLENE ELMORE**—recovering at home

**CARRIE SAUNDERS** (daughter of Joe and Phyllis Boswell)—facing the challenge of an uncertain cancer diagnosis and treatment plan

**FRIEDA COSBY**—has recovered from her fall and will be staying at Brookville Healthcare Center

**DALLAS McDONALD**—ongoing cancer treatment

**THOMAS MAY** (Sandy Brown's son-in-law and Lisa Lofland-May's husband)—suffering from Stage 4 Cancer and is taking chemo but is seriously ill. Lisa and Thomas have a 12 year old son, Connor.

**JOHN HOOPER**—ongoing Parkinson's issues

**GAIL MERRIMAN**—treatment for cancer

**QUINTON NANNET** and family—Quinton continues to remain in New Zealand, is physically safe, but is facing a lot of uncertainties ahead. Please pray for Quinton's resilience, courage, hope and wisdom, amid the challenges he's facing.

**GERRY TURNER**—health issues

**JACK WYATT**—Rehabilitating at Restoracy of Whitestown

**BETTY CEDARS**—ongoing health concerns

**ALLEN GOFF** (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

**DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)**—treatment for lung cancer

**SANDY & KEN BROWN**—ongoing health concerns

**JERRI STEWART**—breast cancer

**MATT RYKER** (Ron Yund's friend's son)—beating victim, long recovery ahead

**CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP**



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Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday,  
10 am – 2 pm

## Get your FCC swag orders in by 2 pm Friday, Sept. 29!

Get your FCC shirts—in a wide variety of colors, including some fun new ones! Also available: youth, toddler, and baby sizes, plus adult crew-neck sweatshirts and long-sleeve tees. We also have brand new insulated tumblers and FCC journals. Pick up an order form in the church office. **Our first order will be placed after Sept. 29th so that we can get your existing orders into production.** If there are other orders that come in after that, I can place a second order at the end of October. Orders should deliver within 1-2 weeks, and we'll let you know when your stuff is in!



## Vacation

Pastor Kevin will be attending his Fall Bethany Fellows retreat September 25th to September 29th. He will then take some vacation time to spend with family September 30th to October 7th. He will be back for Sunday worship on October 8th.

Andrew Nicodemus (finances) will be off from September 28th until October 5th. Kay Nannet (office manager) will be out on Oct. 6th and then on vacation from October 13-22. And last but not least, Kelly Stanley (communications) will be at a writing retreat from October 3-6.

## Mark your calendars now!

The Vanity Theater will present Agathie Christie's "Mousetrap" March 5, 6, 7 & 8. Betsy and Keith Strain invite you to see them on stage.

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*Monday is Rev. Darla's day off.  
Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.  
On their days off, please contact the other  
pastor or the Church Office with  
questions, concerns or emergencies.*

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### DUSK TO DAWN BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

*Cheryl Furman and Jai Miranda*  
765.267.1760 | dusk-to-dawn.org  
info@dusk-to-dawn.org

### FISH FOOD PANTRY

*Distributes grocery items to meet  
emergency needs.*

Located at St Bernard's Church,  
1306 E. Main St., Crawfordsville,  
765.362.3474

### HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING

*Chantel Allen, Director*  
765.367.1727 | hhcdirector@gmail.com

### MONT. CO. FREE CLINIC

*Offers local, uninsured residents  
high-quality medical & dental care  
and other health services*

816 S. Mill Street, Crawfordsville  
www.mcfreeclinic.org  
765.362.3244





# October Calendar

Sun. 10/1	<b>The Wired Word</b> —9 am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15am
Mon. 10/2	<b>Scouts</b> —6:30 pm
Tues. 10/3	<b>Book Club:</b> <i>Having Nothing, Possessing Everything</i> by Michael Mather with Aaron Morrison (parlor)—6-7:30 pm <b>Crawfordsville Community Chorus</b> rehearsal—6:30-8 pm
Wed. 10/4	<b>WOW</b> —4:30-7 pm <b>Conversation Café adult class</b> (Parlor)—5:30-6:30 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> —7:15 pm
Thurs. 10/5	<b>Men's Coffee</b> —9-10 am <b>Cruisers</b> (Pizza Hut)—11:30 am
Sun. 10/8	<b>The Wired Word</b> —9 am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich and FCC choir—10:15 am
Mon. 10/9	<b>Scouts</b> —6:30 pm
Tues. 10/10	<b>Crawfordsville Community Chorus</b> rehearsal—6:30-8 pm <b>Elders Meeting</b> —7 pm
Wed. 10/11	<b>WOW</b> —4:30-7 pm <b>Conversation Café adult class</b> (Parlor)— 5:30-6:30 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> —7:15 pm
Thurs. 10/12	New Pathfinder newsletter <b>Men's Coffee</b> —9-10 am <b>Classic Hymn Sing</b> (Parlor)—7-8 pm
Sun. 10/15	<b>The Wired Word</b> —9 am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich and FCC choir—10:15 am
Mon. 10/16	<b>Scouts</b> —6:30 pm
Tues. 10/17	<b>Euchre</b> (Parlor)—1 pm <b>Crawfordsville Community Chorus</b> rehearsal—6:30-8 pm <b>Coordinating Council</b> —7:00 pm <b>Governing Board Meeting</b> —8:00 pm
Wed. 10/18	<b>WOW</b> on fall break this week <b>Choir Practice</b> —7:15 pm
Thurs. 10/19	<b>Men's Coffee</b> —9-10 am <b>Ladies Lunch Bunch</b> (Emporium 109)—1 pm
Sun. 10/22	<b>The Wired Word</b> —9 am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth and FCC choir—10:15 am
Mon. 10/23	<b>Scouts</b> —6:30 pm
Tues. 10/24	<b>Crawfordsville Community Chorus</b> rehearsal—6:30-8 pm
Wed. 10/25	<b>WOW</b> —4:30-7 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> —7:15 pm
Thurs. 10/26	<b>Men's Coffee</b> —9-10 am <b>Food Finders Mobile Pantry</b> (Parking Lot)—9:30-12:30 <b>Praise Sing</b> (Parlor)—7 pm
Sun. 10/29	<b>The Wired Word</b> —9 am <b>Worship</b> (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich and FCC choir—10:15 am
Mon. 10/30	<b>Scouts</b> —6:30 pm <b>Pub Theology</b> —5:30 pm (location TBA)
Tues. 10/31	<b>Crawfordsville Community Chorus</b> rehearsal—6:30-8 pm <b>HHCL Board Meeting</b> —7:30 pm

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To add something to the schedule, email [211fccville@gmail.com](mailto:211fccville@gmail.com)

## OCT BIRTHDAYS

2	Nora Carlson
4	Jerri Stewart
5	Freida Cosby
5	Nina Kyger
10	Marian Cass
12	Andrew Plunkett
14	Gwen Carlson
16	Brad Carlson
16	Gerry Hargrove
16	Sam Thompson
17	Rex Henthorn
17	Jeff Stewart
17	Ron Yund
22	Carrie Siddens
23	Vic Lindsay
24	Maxine Williamson
25	Jaci Wollenberg
26	Abigail Nunan
26	Chuck Ranspach
27	Karen McDonald
28	Randall Garrett
29	Ben McCormick

## ANNIVERSARIES

7	Larry & Mary Ellen Fields
26	Chuck & Kaylynn Ranspach

Got a Minute? Fill it with gratitude!

A MEMORY I'M GRATEFUL FOR



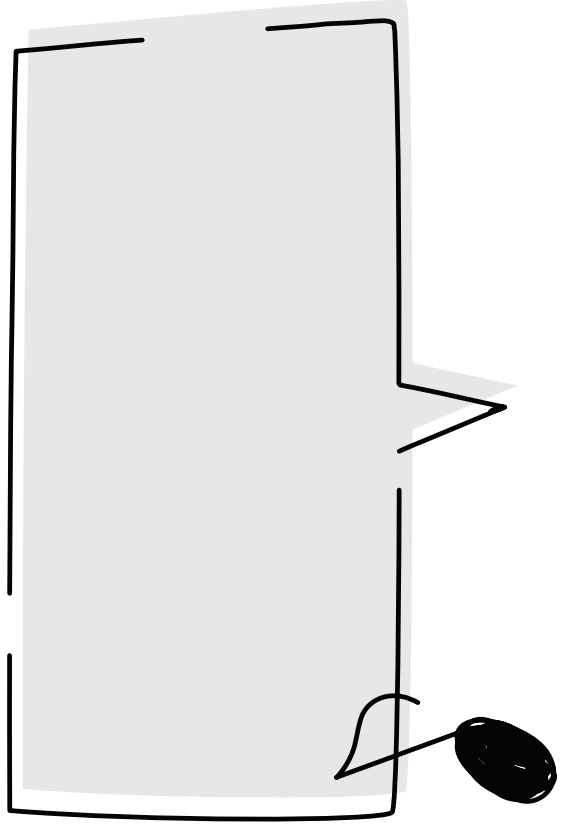
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WHAT MAKES MY HEART SING