

Dear Siblings in Christ Jesus

It would be a tremendous blessing to see one of our Young Disciples pursue a path to ministry. Can anyone recall when we BCUMC last supported a potential ministerial candidate? As far as I can remember, Tina Banfill was the only intern pastor we supported, back in 1995 throughout our 157 years of history. Please correct me if I'm wrong! We haven't been as proactive as we could be in nurturing spiritual leaders from within our own congregation. Thankfully, that's changing.



Jacob Lukacs, a member of our 2018 Confirmation Class, has shown great promise. He's actively involved in our community, participating in Sierra Service Projects and working as a counselor at a foster kids camp. He's also dedicated to serving the homeless through various ministries. Jacob has

been accepted into the Dream Center's Leadership School, where he'll spend nine months studying the Bible, preaching, and spirituality. This program will help him discover his gifts and talents for ministry. Jacob shared his experiences and plans with us on Sunday of August 4th (see the picture above).

I'm thrilled about Jacob's journey! Let's all keep him in our prayers as he prepares to serve Christ as a full-time minister sometime in the future. His potential is a true blessing for our church community. If you'd like to support him financially, you can donate online specifically for him at (<https://dc.dreamcenter.org/a0cca1/m/aa8a4c>). Alternatively, you can send a check to BCUMC with "Jacob Lukacs" in the memo line.

I remember that my husband and I could not finish our Seminary education without scholarships from UMC, my local church in Arlington Heights (IL) as well as other personal supporters. Let's plant seeds whenever we can! And now is the time to do that!

I'm so thankful for all the opportunities to serve God, Christ's Church, Communities and the world! Thank you for all your hard work, prayers, presence and gifts!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

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