

Ministry Planning Worksheet

Program/Event:		Sponsor:		Program/Event Date:	
Blessing of the Animals		Pastor Greg		10/23/2010	
Jesus is Lord and Savior	Reflect God's love	Pray and listen for God's guidance	Continue to strengthen faith	Include all in God's work	Meet people where they are
Bless animals as part of His creation.	Express our love of animals - part of His creation.	Pray for guidance to respect God's animals	Reflect on our part of creation as we care for His animals	Bless all animals, not just pets, including those not present	Recognize the importance of pets to people/families
Use liturgy to proclaim Christ.	Invite those who come to join us in Sunday Worship.	Pray for all who do not have pets but are caregivers	Offer thanksgiving for our pets and the world's animals	Invite people with and without pets (caregivers, those who lost pets)	Hold the service outside for those who may be intimidated by the church building
	Invite all to share animal treats with other animals.	Pray for all who have pets.	Reflect on how pets can mirror God's unconditional love.	Invite pets to be brought to the blessing	Hold the blessing on Saturday AND on Sunday afternoon to give more a chance to attend.
	Express our gratitude & concern for caregivers	Pray for all who have lost pets.		Invite neighbors as well as the UiF community	Include in 1 Sunday service w/ the other service a pet free service.
		Pray for sick pets.		Invite a local vet	
		Pray for abused animals.		Include Service animals	
		Pray for animals adversely effected by our actions including environmental		Include the police canine unit.	