

# Ministry Planning Report

**Program/Event:**

**Sponsor:**

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## **Jesus is Lord and Savior**

Bless animals as part of His creation.  
Use liturgy to proclaim Christ

## **Reflect God's love**

Express our love of animals - part of His creation.  
Invite those who come to join us in Sunday Worship.  
Invite all to share animal treats with other animals.  
Express our gratitude & concern for caregivers

## **Pray and listen for God's guidance**

Pray for guidance to respect God's animals.  
Pray for all those who do not have pets but are caregivers.  
Pray for all who have pets.  
Pray for all who have lost pets.  
Pray for sick pets.  
Pray for abused animals.  
Pray for animals adversely effected by our actions including environmental.

## **Continue to strengthen faith**

Reflect on our part of creation as we care for His animals.  
Offer thanksgiving for our pets and the world's animals.  
Reflect on how pets can mirror God's unconditional love

## **Include all in God's work**

Bless all animals, not just pets, including those not present  
Invite people with and without pets (caregivers, those who lost pets)  
Invite pets to be brought to the blessing  
Invite neighbors as well as the UiF community  
Invite a local vet  
Include service animals

## **Meet people where they are**

Recognize the importance of pets to people/families  
Hold the service outside for those who may be intimidated by the church building  
Hold the blessing on Saturday AND on Sunday afternoon to give more a chance to attend.