

Churches to hold “Blessing of the Animals” event Saturday

Christ United Methodist Church, Mayfield First Presbyterian Church and Mayfield First United Methodist Church will combine to hold a “Blessing of the Animals” event on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Christ UMC’s Family Life Center, 1322 West Broadway in Mayfield.

The blessings will take place between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The event takes place the day after St. Francis of Assisi Day. St. Francis was a Catholic friar who founded the Franciscan religious order. He led a life of poverty in service to the sick and poor, and is the patron saint of animals and nature in the Catholic faith.

Families may bring their pets and other animals to receive a blessing from the church pastors. If the animal is too large to easily transport, the pastors can also administer “long distance” blessings if owners want to bring a photo of their animals.

The Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter will be in attendance with pets for adoption, as well as reduced price microchipping. Petsense will have pet care items to give away. Hot dogs will also be available.

For more information, contact the Christ UMC office at 270-247-5678.