

WELCOME BACK SECRET SISTERS!

Fellowship Commission will once again host the Secret Sisters program beginning October 14th. All of the women of the church (out of high school) are invited to join in this ministry of caring and sharing with other sisters in Christ. You will each secretly select a “sister” that you will need to pray for and encourage. Secret Sisters will be “picked from a hat” during the Pot Luck Luncheon kicking off the program October 14th in Kendall Lounge.

It is wonderful to have someone pray for you and send you an encouraging note from time to time. We will be keeping our “sister” a secret, so don’t let anyone know who you have. We will have a pot luck lunch mid-year following worship on Sunday January 20, 2019 and end our program year with a reveal luncheon on April 28th – so mark your calendars now!

How it works...

1. **Know that Secret Sisters is a 6 month commitment.** Your “sister” will be expecting you to uphold her in your prayers and she should be able to rely on you for encouragement for 6 months. If you are unable to fulfill this commitment, please contact Joanne, Teri or Madelyn.
2. **Encourage her.** Send cards, notes, etc. Pray daily for your sister. Get to know her needs and her family’s needs. Contact her at least twice a month.
3. **Remember your secret sister on her special occasions.** Mark specific dates on your calendar, include her birthday (or half birthday), anniversary, etc. as well as holidays.
4. **Keep her a secret!** Don’t let her know who you are. We will have a fun Secret Sister Reveal Party at the end of April. Here you will bring her your final card and gift.
5. **Narthex Mailboxes.** Leave your cards or notes and small gifts in the designated mailboxes in the Narthex when no one is around or have someone else deliver them.

Guidelines.

- Ideas for encouragement: Anything from the HEART! Cards, thoughtful notes, poems, bookmarks, or maybe her favorite candy bar, recipes, homemade goodies or a snack can be a delightful surprise. Review her questionnaire to get an idea, and remember to keep the gifts small.
- Make sure you contact your sister by means of a note, card or gift **at least every 2 weeks.**
- The secret sister program will run for 6 months. Pot luck lunch at the beginning, middle and end of the program.
- If you are unable to attend the luncheon on October 14th, let Joanne, Teri or Madelyn know so a sister can be selected for you.

Look at this as an opportunity to strengthen and grow the prayer lives and fellowship of the sisterhood of our church. Have fun and enjoy getting to know your sister.

FOR THE SISTER WHO DOESN’T KNOW WHO IS PRAYING FOR HER: As your needs for prayer change or if you wish to leave your sister a note, place it in the designated basket near the Narthex mailboxes. Simply address your note: FROM <FIRST & LAST NAME>. **Remember “sisters” To look in this basket.**

Fill out the secret sister questionnaire – the more information you provide helps your “sister” get to know you. Return your completed questionnaire to Madelyn, Teri, Joanne or their Wilson House mailbox or place it in the basket by the “secret sister” mailboxes in the Narthex by October 7th.

If you have any questions, contact Joanne at ewbinis@gmail.com