## Secret Sister

## Program for 2023



The Women's Ministry is excited to launch the new "Secret Sister" exchange for 2023.

For those of you who have not participated and are interested in how it works, here is a little bit of background.

The Secret Sister program is an outreach ministry for women in our church fellowship. All the ladies of our church are invited to participate. If you participate, you will be assigned a name and that woman becomes your Secret Sister for a year. You become the silent prayer partner and her secret up-lifter. She does not know who you are. Likewise, someone will be caring for you in that way too. Secret Sisters are about encouraging, praying for, and supporting each other in small ways.

Once names are assigned, you can immediately begin sending notes, cards or special secret greetings that can continue throughout the year. If during the year you wish to give a special gift to your Secret Sister, there is a place in the Family Life Center foyer where they can be dropped off. There is not a set dollar amount for gift giving. Keep in mind that it is the thought that counts. A card, something homemade, a sweet treat, or a simple gift is an appropriate way to say, "You are in my thoughts".

Make an effort to get to know your Secret Sister. (In secret of course). Get acquainted during coffee hour, at meetings, or church activities. If you don't know who she is, ask someone to point her out so you can get acquainted. Pray for your Secret Sister. Keep her in your thoughts. Please send a message at least once a month. Remember those special holidays, or occasions like her birthday or anniversary. Send a get well card if you know she is ill.

Thinking about our Secret Sisters daily and sending a little "hello" card at least monthly is why the program is so enjoyable. It's especially nice to receive those notes saying you are being thought about or remembered in a special way, or for a special reason. Your faithfulness in doing that is what will make the program successful. If for some reason you are unable to continue participating in the program, let the Women's Ministry Team know so that another "sister" can be found for the lady you were assigned.

Above all, enjoy the experience. If you haven't been a secret sister in the past, consider being part of the program this year. Or, if you have always been in the secret sister program, we hope you will continue to participate this year.

For those interested in participating, please fill out the form attached and return it to the "Secret Sister" box in the Family Life Center foyer or you can email it to Renée Sheffield at mom2ethan@verizon.net