

Spring 2018



## About Valley's SECRET SISTERS' Program

My name is Sheri Lynch, your pastoral care pastor and coordinator of Valley's Secret Sister Program. I am so glad you have decided to participate this year. My prayer is that your experience as a Valley Christian Secret Sister is fun, rewarding, and a blessing in your life. Your Secret Sister will be blessed and know that she is loved and cared about by your commitment to this program this year.

Here's a reminder of how the Secret Sister Program works:

1. Each spring, at the Secret Sister Discovery dinner or brunch, women who have participated during the past year receive a Discovery Gift from their Secret Sister; they "discover" who their SS has been the past year. Then...
2. Women who are participating in the new year complete a Secret Sister Personal Information form as thoroughly as possible. This helps your Secret Sister get to know you. Each woman picks a Secret Sister information sheet...that woman will be your new Secret Sister for the year ahead. One copy of the info sheet stays with me and the other copy is taken by you.
3. Pray for your Secret Sister. Talk to people who know her; find out what her needs and concerns are...is she sick or injured (Valley's weekly prayer guide is a good resource). Is she getting married, looking for a job, getting a promotion at work, having a baby, moving, struggling with life challenges? Commit to blessing your Secret Sister with consistent prayer, cards of encouragement, and small gifts throughout the year.
4. Secret Sisters give and receive; the most important gift we give to each other is prayer, whether you receive anything or not. However, your Secret Sister may not know you are thinking of her if she never receives a note or gift. There is a financial commitment; however, this does not need to be large. Use your creativity to find little, meaningful gifts throughout the year...every month, if you can.
5. Commit at a minimum to blessing your Secret Sister with a small gift on the following four occasions:
  - a. Her Birthday
  - b. Her Anniversary and/or Special Day
  - c. Christmas
  - d. Annual Discovery Dinner or Brunch each Spring
6. In addition to the above special days, below are some other occasions for you to consider how to bless your Secret Sister with a gift or card:
  - a. Easter
  - b. Memorial Day
  - c. Independence Day
  - d. Labor Day
  - e. Thanksgiving
  - f. Valentines' Day
  - g. Mothers' Day (if she's a Mom)
  - h. Just Because

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## Secret Sister Program Details

If for any reason you need to contact your Secret Sister or relay a message, please let me know. If you need to step out of the program for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact me. Rest assured this is not a problem, even though you would be missed.

Thank you for your commitment to this year's Secret Sister Program and for your faithful prayers, love, and care for your Secret Sister!

your Sister in Christ,

Sheri Lynch

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Here's how the Secret Sister Program works:

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