

# Our Pilgrim Stories



## Extended

**Pilgrim was not initially where Delores and her family settled when they moved back to Lexington in 2005. Her children, Jordan and Zach, found their niche in another church's youth group, and so Delores and her husband, Wally, attended there also. But after the kids had graduated and moved on, Delores found herself not attending as much. She and her husband decided to go to Pilgrim, as that was the church she attended when she was a child.**

**It still took a bit for Delores to find her place in Pilgrim's faith community. She had not connected with a specific ministry until she served on the Council. The Council wanted to get more familiar with the Preschool's operation, and Delores became the Preschool Board's liaison. Delores thought of this role at first as a "watchdog" to ensure their finances were managed well. Over time, she saw the commitment of the director, teachers, and even parents. Most of these folks were of her daughter's generation, and she saw them lead from a place of genuine care for others. It wasn't just what was best for them but how it impacted all the students, staff, and community.**

**From her involvement with the Preschool and Wingard's Market, the family business, Delores understands the importance of building relationships. During a health crisis, she realized she had more friends than she could imagine. Friends she didn't know yet from Pilgrim brought meals to her family and made visits that brought comfort in a difficult time. "The church is our extended family," she shared. Ten years later, Delores is still involved with the Preschool as their Treasurer and has now started a Holy Casserole ministry.**