

Our Pilgrim Stories



RALLY

If you wonder why Margie always looks so put together, it's because she spent her second career as an interior designer. After being laid off from a corporate job of 30 years, she followed her passion and began designing beautiful spaces for people. Her put-together persona masks the struggle and loss she recently suffered.

Not long after she made her career transition, Margie's husband, Mike began to suffer from aphasia, a disorder resulting from repeated strokes that affected his ability to speak and understand. His condition progressed for ten years before he passed away. It's an isolating condition that led Margie and Mike to stop attending church.

Margie had grown up at Pilgrim, left to attend another church for a number of years, but found herself adrift from the church during Mike's illness. After he passed, a friend told her, "You'll know when it is the right time to go back, and you'll know what the right church for you is." Margie found herself drawn back to Pilgrim. During Mike's illness and following his death, several couples whom she had known at Pilgrim rallied around her and were overwhelmingly supportive of her. They looked out for her as she navigated her way to a new normal. "It was a spirit-led thing," she said. "I didn't have to think about it. I just knew."

While Margie was drawn back to Pilgrim because of the people she already knew there, she was glad to get to know newer church members. She attended an organizational meeting of a new ministry and was able to talk to Kristin, a woman she had seen periodically at church but did not know. Now, they engage in friendly banter at church. She is expanding her church family as she meets new members.

Your generosity supports new ministry opportunities for people like Margie to get involved, build relationships, and become an integral part of the Pilgrim community. Your kindness supports the daily realities of those connected to this ministry we all share. Thank you for being a part of this community.