# 1st Presbyterian has a new pastor

Installation services will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12; at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington for the Rev. Dr. Suc Ellis Melross.

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Melrose has been called to
serve as the church's new pastor/head of staff effective this

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Melrose and her husband, Paul, have moved to Farmington Hills from New Jersey. She received her master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary and her dector of ministry from MeCormick Theological Seminary.

An ordained minister for 27 years, she served as the pastor-freed of staff at the First Preptyterian Church in Succasuma, N. J., for the last 18 years. Her husband, Paul, is an ordained United Methodist minister working with the Sameriister working with the Samari-tan Counseling Center in Farm-

ington Hills.

The couple has two children:
Rebecca, an intern working in
Boston while considering a grad-

uate degree, and Ian, an undergraduate student at the University of Wisconsin.

Melrose will be working with the Rev. David Noble, associate pastor and director of music for the past 11 years at First Presepterian Church. She will also be working with the remaining staff: Jo Morgan, director of the children's church achool; Debri Ramsey, the LOGOS coordinator; Mary Whitmore, organist; and Susan Coyne, church accretary.

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The community is invited to whecome Melrose into the church. Worship services are at 8:45 and 11 a.m. each Sunday, with church school at 10 a.m. The church is at the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Farmington roads.



New Pastor: The Rev. Sue Melrose and her husband, Paul, have arrived.

### Artist club will host critique

John Krieger will lead a critique for the Farmington Artists Club at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at the Farmington

Hills Library on 12 Mile Road.
Kriegor is an accomplished artist who received his bachelor of fine arts degree in 1978 from the Center for Creative Studies, School of Art and Design.
His fine-art gallery showings and corporate collections are numerous. He was also affiliated with both the Ford Motor Co. and Daimler Chrysler design staff.

## Parenting from page B1

time and effort?

The parenting courses dispense information that can translate into improving relationships in general – with besence overkers, adult siblings. The factive parenting of teens? Course will run Thursdays March 30 through May 11. Sheila Wade will facilitate. Cost is \$16 per person or \$20 per couple.

ple. "Many times adult siblings still have insues," said Meloche, who teaches "Children: The Challenge" a 10-week course that lays the foundation for that lays the foundation for other course, it is recommended to be taken first but is not a pre-requisite for other parenting courses. One session just ended and another is schoduled for next fall. Parents can call FYA at 489-3434 and get on the meiling list.

### Best gift

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"This is the best gift parents can give their kids," she added.
"Many times now there isn't have catended family support network—grandma and grandpa—nearby. Parents in the classes can identify with each other, become their own support network. Often they stay in touch after the class and in the class fact the class discussion is kept private. And if some parents feel moonfortable just listening, that's fine, too.
"Facilitators are regular people, real mome and dads," said

Suttle. They're not paid professionals who know everything. They come from all walks of life. Once a parent has completed a class, they can take it over as many times as they like for no additional charge. "Issues change dating, driving, homework," said Meloche. The basis for much of the class work is to give children the opportunity to make good decisions for themselves. Suttle atreases that even young children can offer solutions to thist proclems. "We have one session on problem-solving," she said. "Sometimes kids come up with good solutions adults wouldn't think of."

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When her sons were young they fought repeatedly over possession of the same toys.

"They came up with their own solution: a safety zone under their dining room chairs could save three toys for the whole day. It worked for them. For a long time, I'd walk by and see toys under their chairs."

Chores, vacation plans, allowance, curfews and homework are all issues that can be worked out through family meetings, she said. The classes offer many tips and ideas. Videos are often used to show less helpful, versus more helpful, ways of sproaching situations.

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## Garden from page B1

"It gives the students a feeling of someone caring, that they come in and help them enjoy projects. It makes them feel important and gives them outside contact. They like to talk to people and tell them things as well as doing handson projects."

The garden therapy program has been running for 38 years and Gordon-has participated for 25 years. Thirteen area schools, involving about 125 students, currently participate. For the last 10 years, Gordon has been going to Visions Unlimited, a center where trainable developmentally disabled students range in age from 18 to 25. Other ischools that have benefited from the unique brand of nature therapy include Eagle, Forest, Kenbrook, Warner and the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center.

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And what do the students get

out of it?
"For them, it's a break from

their regular routine. Teachers appreciate it. I have 13 students, mostly boys, and taoy enjoy it. It's amazing how they do the project and want to give it to someone. After awhile, you don't think of them as handicapped," Gordon explains.

Special education teacher Emma Foster says about the program: "I love it, The volunteers are so concerned about our students, they truly, truly care. The program gives the community a chance to see our special population. and allows them to see we learn, we have feelings and we communicate just like everyone else." everyone cise."

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Footer explains that the students derive a good measure of pride and personal satisfaction from doing the "well thought-out" projects.

To accommodate the students' abilities, projects must to simple and easy to manipulate. Though not all Hill and Dale Garden

Club members work in the cla Club members work in the class-room, all are involved in helping to plan and gather materials for projects. Each month, the 60 members cut and prepare every-thing needed for the projects in advance and put the items in bags for volunteers to use.

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"We collect many materials from home such as recyclable; tiems." Gordon adds, "and roly in fund-raisers in order to buy on fund-raisers in order to buy other materials. We try to keep things as natural as we can."

Both Gordon and Gundio say the garden therapy program gives them "a lot of satisfaction and love from the students, they appreciate it so much. There are so many rewards to doing it..."

Is there a reason for the very obvious assuccess of the garden therapy program? Marge Gordon's recips: "Everyone needs some sort of vulunteer work to feel good about themselves."

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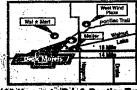
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