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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan's University Chapel Hour and Special Events and Services, will present "The Healing Circle," a presentation by Butch McCamy, director of The Spirit of the Rainbow Drum, and Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin, a pastor at the Native American Fellowship of Peoria on Wednesday, Jan 18, at 11 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park St., Bloomington).

The service is free and open to the public.

A healing circle in Native American religions is a group of people who pray together, sometimes within a stone circle, with hopes of giving or receiving healing or energy work. This is called "distance healing" in which the person/people who have consented to receive healing are not with the prayer circle at the time of prayer. Healing circles can be guided for anything needed in a person's life such as psychospiritual topics, improved physical help, love, overcoming abuse, or career assistance.

Historically, many faiths outside the Native American religions have sought inspiration, understanding or healing from stones or circles, making this service potentially applicable to many religions. In both Judaism and Christianity, celebrants have gathered near stone tabernacles or temples for centuries to seek guidance and to worship. In Western European religions, many believed that stone circles such as Stonehenge had magical, spiritual and healing properties. The Hindu religion also believes in this power as they use a mandala, or a sacred circle, for meditation, life direction and healing.

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