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## *Media Advisory*

- Event:** *University Chapel Hour and Special Events presents:*  
“The Gift Exchange” by University Chaplain Dennis E. Groh
- Date:** Oct. 15 (Wednesday)
- Time:** 11:00 a.m.
- Location:** Evelyn Chapel, Illinois Wesleyan University  
1301 N. Park St., Bloomington
- Background:** “The Gift Exchange” is a sermon, by Illinois Wesleyan University Chaplain Dennis E. Groh, that will explore how the Christian faith deals with one’s experience of shame.

Groh, a 1961 graduate of IWU, is the professor of humanities and archaeology at the university and is the associate director of the University of South Florida Excavations at Sepphoris. He was previously a professor of the history of Christianity at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Evanston, Ill.), and an advisory member of the graduate faculty of Northwestern University (Evanston). Groh is also a past president of the North American Patristics Society and a past vice president of the Chicago Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

A specialist in early Christianity and the archaeology of Israel in the Roman and Byzantine periods, and an ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church (Northern Illinois Conference), Groh is actively interested in Inter-Faith dialogue.

In addition to numerous chapel services and speeches at Illinois Wesleyan, Groh has given addresses at Albion College, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Israel), Brown University, Dumbarton Oaks (Washington, D.C.), National Geographic Society Headquarters (Washington, D.C.), Oxford University (England), Princeton University, and the University of Chicago.

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