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- Event:** *University Chapel Hour* presents Chaplain Dennis E. Groh: "There are rooms we never live in"
- Date:** Oct. 6, (Wednesday)
- Time:** 11 a.m.
- Location:** Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington.
- Admission:** Free and open to the public
- Background:** Dennis E. Groh, class of 1961, is University Chaplain and Professor of Humanities and Archaeology at Illinois Wesleyan University since 1996, and Associate Director of the University of South Florida Excavations at Sepphoris.

A specialist in early Christianity and the archaeology of Israel in the Roman and Byzantine Periods, Groh has authored, co-authored, or coedited five books. His articles appear in a number of published works, including *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Near Eastern Archaeology* (edited by Eric M. Meyers), *The Dictionary of Judaism in the Biblical Period* (edited by Jacob Neusner), and *Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. A Parallel History of Their Origins and Development* (edited by Hershel Shens).

Groh is a past President of the North American Patristics Society and a past Vice President of the Chicago Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. He has been a Rockefeller Doctoral Fellow in Religion (for study at the American Academy in Rome); both a Fellow and a Senior Fellow of the Association of Theological Schools of the U.S. and Canada; the James Alan Montgomery Fellow and the Annual Professor of the American Schools of Oriental Research at the William F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research (Jerusalem); and the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow of the Institute for Social Ecology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Beer Sheva, Israel).

Groh has been invited to give lectures numerous places, including 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.

Groh, who is actively interested in Inter-Faith dialogue, is an ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church (Northern Illinois Conference). He holds degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University (B.A. in History, Phi Kappa Phi), Garrett Theological Seminary (B.D., with highest distinction), and Northwestern University (Ph.D.).

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