

## April 21 – People of Faith in a Time of Ecological Crisis



Ellen F. Davis, Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at Duke University Divinity School, will commemorate Earth Day in Fort Collins with a lecture at **noon on Sunday, April 21 at First United Methodist Church**, 1005 Stover St. Her lecture is titled “The Fountain of Life.” Help us estimate attendance by registering at <http://goo.gl/W4hsW> . Suggested donation for the lecture, including lunch, is \$10. All donations will support her ministry in South Sudan.

### The Fountain of Life

Dr. Davis’s lecture will focus on how the Bible speaks with surprising directness to the human place within nature and the disruption we now experience as a global ecological crisis, but also how we might lay hold of realistic hope. Her appearance is sponsored by Adult Faith Formation at First UMC ([www.fcumc.net](http://www.fcumc.net)) and the Northern Colorado Faith Library ([www.nocofaithlibrary.org](http://www.nocofaithlibrary.org)). Co-sponsors are Theologian-in-Residence Program (<http://tirprogram.com>), Landside Center (<http://landsidecenter.org>) and FUMC Green Team. A lay Episcopalian, Dr. Davis also will preach at FUMC at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and in the 10:45 a.m. Crosswalk service.

In *Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture* (Cambridge University Press, 2009), Dr. Davis examines the theology and ethics of land use and provides a fresh perspective from which to view the destructive practices and assumptions that now dominate the global food economy. She has worked to develop a holistic model of theological education in South Sudan that includes community health and sustainable agriculture. Dr. Davis was named Duke University’s Scholar /Teacher of the Year for 2010.



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