CHURCH DEMONSTRATES FAITH IN ACTION BY INSTALLING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM

High Country United Church of Christ has undertaken a campaign to place thirty-two 315 Watt solar panels on its roof. The proposed 10 Kw Photovoltaic system will provide up to 70% of the electricity for the church. HCUCC shares the belief that caring for God’s creation is deeply intertwined with the gospel, so the congregation decided to demonstrate their faith with action.

The Clean Energy for Boone (CE4B) campaign will design and install the solar PV system. By using the sun to generate electricity, HCUCC will save 6 tons of coal annually and reduce their CO₂ emissions by 17 tons per year. The Church members believe that everyone shares in the responsibility to protect the environment; therefore, this is especially important as some of the coal used to generate their electricity comes from mountain top removal mining.

The congregation at HCUCC is small but they have already raised 2/3 of the cost of the system. They are asking for help in raising the remaining 1/3 of the system cost. If you would like to support HCUCC in their efforts to reduce their environmental impact or learn more about their solar project, information is available at the church’s Solar Project website http://www.highcountryucc.org/solar-project/. North Carolina’s tax law allows donations for renewable energy generation to qualify for a 35% tax credit. Charitable donations are also available to those who itemize their Federal tax returns.