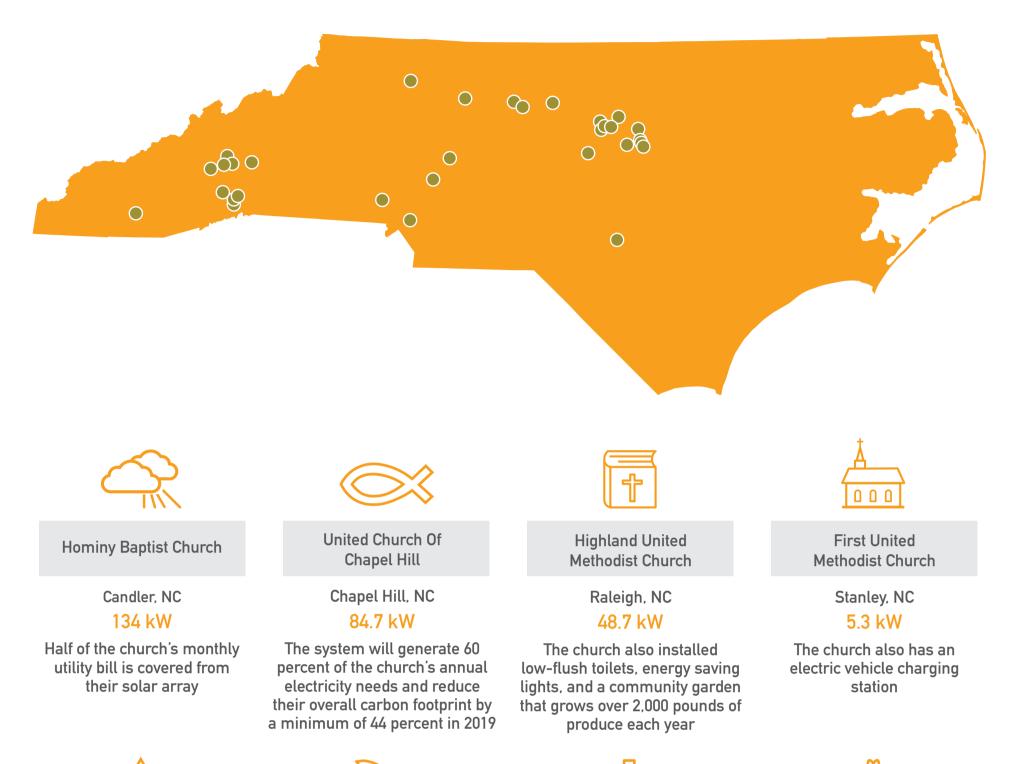
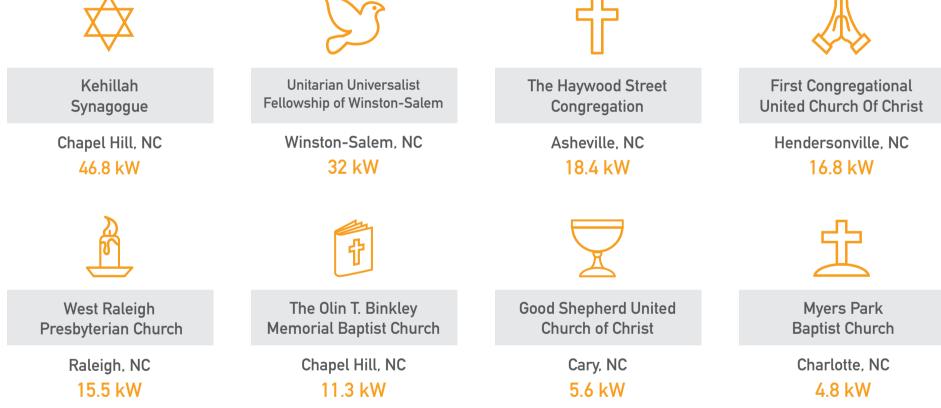


Over 700 North Carolina businesses are now generating and using clean energy to power their homes and businesses. Of those, 31 are places of worship who have installed solar to reduce their carbon footprint and become better stewards of the land.





"We undertook this project primarily out of our commitment to protecting God's creation, and it was funded entirely by members of the congregation and the community. We hoped that we could inspire other congregations to take an interest in solar. Since our public celebration of the new system in early 2016, at least three other congregations have reached out to us for information and one (with whom we've consulted extensively) is about to install a system."
Melissa Melum, Solar Project Lead, First Congregational United Church of Christ

"I personally believe that "we" have a responsibility to be good stewards of God's gifts...In Asheville, flooding events can (and have) wash away meager necessities. Not everyone who participates knows about the solar panels on the roof, as they are not easily visible nor accessible. However, those who know are proud that they are part of a church that cares about God's world." - Sharon LeDuc, Past Chair of the Board of Directors, Haywood Street Congregation

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