

\$martFact:

According to *Home Energy Magazine*, “It might not be the turkey that’s putting you to sleep after Thanksgiving dinner.” A Fall reminder for folks with gas ovens to get them tested for carbon monoxide output this fall if you plan to be cooking for long periods of time.



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Let the Sun Shine at Compton Baptist

The How\$martKY team would like to recognize Licking Valley RECC for implementing the largest How\$martKY retrofit to date! Campton Baptist Church recently installed 80 solar panels that were donated by Sonlight Power, an Ohio organization that “specializes in bringing clean, renewable electricity to vulnerable communities around the world.”



But Campton Baptist didn’t stop there. They continued to pursue even more savings via energy efficiency, and obtained a bid for geothermal heating and cooling. Licking Valley RECC was able to provide financing for those geothermal heat pumps, in addition to insulation and air sealing, through their How\$mart program. The energy savings created by the solar panels were included in the conservation plans, allowing Licking Valley to maximize their financing offer for the project. Once the church became aware of the How\$mart opportunity, they expanded the work even further by including the parsonage next door. They are adding spray foam insulation and air sealing to the home, and looking forward to better indoor air quality and a healthier living environment.

Even considering solar and efficiency savings, geothermal heat pumps are expensive—so CBC had to pay a large down payment to make it all happen. Pastor Gary Conner described their motivation this way: “The church saw the project as a way to invest into the community and serve as an educational tool.”

Congrats to Campton Baptist and Licking Valley for working together on this ambitious undertaking!

Staying Warm and Cozy This Season

In 2015, a How\$martKY™ partner co-op completed a job for a recently widowed senior. She was living in a house with heating she felt was inadequate and suffering from high bill payments. Not only did she wish to be more comfortable, but she is also planning to leave the home to her nephew and wants it to be in good condition. Through How\$mart, she was able to finance a brand new heat pump, spray foam insulation in the attic and crawl spaces, and general air sealing with no money down. In January 2017, her energy cost was \$146, down from \$412 the previous January. She has expressed extreme satisfaction with the program and says she stays very warm: “I set it at 75 and just leave it there, some nights when I know it will be cold I bump it to 76 and it stays nice and warm.”

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