

From Your Finance Team



Paid Leave for All Workers Act

Make sure you are complying with this law that took effect January 1, 2024 -- all workers, irrespective of their status as full-time or part-time, are entitled to earn and use up to 40 hours of paid leave each year. The legislation provides that paid leave shall accrue at the rate of one hour for every 40 hours worked. This applies to everyone, regardless of part-time, full-time, hourly, or salaried. There is more information regarding this on our website – go to committees – admin – then scroll down to the section

We've had 55 churches pay their 2025 per capita in full!

Thank you to Adair, Aledo Sunbeam, Alexis, Athens, Bartonville, Bloomington-St Luke, Bushnell, Canton, Carlinville, Carrollton, Carthage, Chenoa, Clinton, Coal Valley, Delavan, East Moline, Edwards, Elmwood, Eureka, Fountain Green, Greenview, Ipava, Kirkwood, Knoxville, Leroy, Lewiston, Lincoln, Mason City, Media, Milan, Monmouth-Faith United, Morton, Mt Sterling, New Windsor, Normal-First, Bloomington-New Covenant Community, Oneida, Orion, Pekin, Peoria-First Fed, Petersburg, Quincy, Reynolds, Rock Island, Rushville, Springfield-First, Springfield-Hope, Springfield-Korean, Springfield-Westminster, Stronghurst, Virginia-Sangamon Valley, Warsaw, Washington, Woodhull & Yates City.

Review of the books

It is recommended that the annual “review of the books” be done internally by the church for two years. In the third year, the church should have an outside party (preferably a CPA) do the review.

Note: this is not an audit. Such reviews are important to protect the church and those who handle money and set policies.

A document for the review can be found on the Great Rivers Presbytery website; Under Committees → administrative → then the document entitled: “2023 Financial Review-Audit by Edd Breeden.”

This version was updated in 2022 by Edd. [Audit Guide 2022](#)

You may consider partnering with another congregation to share resources when doing internal reviews.

The presbytery utilized this method for our internal review of our 2024 fiscal year. Our new treasurer, Annette, has firsthand knowledge of this since she did our Presbytery's review.

