

# funny in a **GOOD** way!

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **You don't have to be quiet as a "Church mouse" at this Event! Ottawa Valley faithful are encouraged to giggle till it hurts.**

(Pembroke, ON) On January 21st, 2023, at 7:00 pm, Funny in a Good Way (FIAGW) takes over Festival Hall to offer up a praise and worship event that is definitely not your typical church-inspired event. At this event, you are encouraged to be anything but quiet as a church mouse, in fact, it is pretty much guaranteed that you will be singing and laughing at volumes that you haven't experienced in a while.

Funny in a Good way is pleased to be bringing in award-winning comedian, Andy Beningo as the headline comedy act for the evening. Andy is a veteran performer who has been featured on Dry Bar Comedy, CMT and Focus on the Family's - Fun & Faith - Date Night Comedy Tour and a host of others. Drawing on his family relationships as the foundation for his act, Andy gives the quote that "I don't get laughs, I give laughs. If you can make people laugh and happy for a bit, that's a really special thing".

The event will also offer up worship music by Ottawa Valley worship band GATE47. The band is familiar to many churches throughout the valley and is pleased to be associated with Funny in a Good Way event for the 4th time. "We're pretty happy to be back it has been too long. We have been working on some new music that will be familiar to many folks, plus you can always count on us including some of our personal favourites" says band lead singer - Kevin Rabishaw.

Past attendees have boldly stated one of the funniest and most entertaining part of the evening is the skit put on by the local clergy association. Those in attendance get to see some of their clergy in a totally different setting. This part of the event is always filled with laughter.

Funny in a Good Way arranges this event during the century-old Week of Prayer for Christian Unity that runs every year from January 18th to 25th. While there are many unique versions of the services put on during the week, the one put on by FIAGW is certainly not filled with hymns from long ago, and it is not a church service, but it is meant to display the many virtues of unity in Christ. In fact, according to Michael Gulliver, "the event is really created with the primary purpose of creating an opportunity for folks to come together to celebrate the "Joy of the Lord". It doesn't matter what your chosen worship family is, we encourage you to come together with the larger community at Festival Hall, everyone is welcome."

The theme for 2023 is “Do good; seek justice” based on Isaiah 1:12-17 and with this, in mind, it is appropriate that the net proceeds of the event go to support the efforts of The Grind Pembroke and the amazing work they do in the community to help so many who are experiencing challenges

The unity event had to be canceled for 2021 and 2022 but the community support is back to the levels that it was in the past and there is a clear indication that there is an appetite for this kind of event. The organization feels so blessed that the community and so many clergy members continue to embrace the activities of FIAGW.

For complete ticket details or to purchase online visit [Funnyinagoodway.ca](http://Funnyinagoodway.ca).

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Advance tickets are \$20 with the price moving to \$25 at the door.

There still exists opportunities for organizations and businesses to partner with the mission and interested parties are invited to contact Michael Gulliver at 613-401-5524 or via email at [funnyinagoodway@outlook.com](mailto:funnyinagoodway@outlook.com).

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