

Funny in a **GOOD** Way

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Valley Residents set to unite in laughter and praise

Pembroke, ON - With the blessing of the Pembroke Area Clergy Association (PACA), a local group is set to launch an event that will bring an evening of laughter, praise and worship to the Valley.

As a kickoff to the annual week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the event is set to take place at Festival Hall on January 20th, 2018. Doors open at 6:30 and the event will run until about 9:45.

A main attraction for the event will be a family friendly comedy show performed by Lift Up Laughter. Second City Alumnus and Canadian Comedy Award Nominee Rick Wharton has assembled a number of well-known names in Canadian comedy as they set out to provide some much needed laughter to Valley folk in the deep winter cold of mid-January.

Rick says, "The power of laughter and prayer are two amazing things and I'm really looking forward to bringing some of my improv friends to Festival Hall to celebrate this wonderful event."

The evening will also feature the contemporary Christian band Gate47 as they deliver their rendition of songs from many of today's top Christian artists.

Gate47 band member Kevin Rabishaw says, "It's a well-known fact that laughter and praise are good for the body, mind and spirit, so why would someone not want to attend such an event?"

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a world-wide annual event that is set to remind Christians about Jesus' prayer for his disciples that they, "may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17:21). Congregations and parishes all over the world take steps to exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services as they seek to promote and encourage Christian unity.

Funny in a Good Way is a newly formed not for profit organization created with the idea of bringing individuals together for opportunities to have good, clean fun and helping out local organizations along the way. Coordinator, Michael Gulliver says he is, "Pleased to have the support of PACA and is excited to invite the community together for an event that starts such an important week for Christians. Events that strengthen the relationship between Churches and bring Christians together are going to play an ever increasing role in our Christian walk.

"We're also pleased to announce that our inaugural event will be raising funds to help out The Grind in downtown Pembroke. With The Grind's focus on being an agent of positive change in our community it is a perfect fit for the vision of Funny in a Good Way."

There are still many opportunities for businesses, organizations and youth to offer up additional support for the event. Interested sponsors, volunteers or those looking to learn more should contact Mr. Gulliver directly at funnyinagoodway@outlook.com.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at www.funnyinagoodway.ca or they can be purchased directly at The Grind - 122 Pembroke St. W., Pembroke, Ontario. Tickets for the special night of laughter and praise are \$15.00 in advance and early purchase is encouraged.

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