

Poetry Contest at Spruce Street UMC to Raise Dollars for Celebration of Mission Event (C.O.M.E.)

Are you a poet and don't know it? Or do you think you're a poet and want to share your verse, even if it's the worst? Either way, Spruce Street UMC will welcome poems of all kinds: Limericks, Haiku, sonnets, verses in iambic pentameter, or free verse – but we have a few rules.

1. Anyone can submit an entry, member or not: Deadline: April 24, 2024.
2. Each entry should have \$5 attached (Checks: Spruce St UMC, memo: C.O.M.E. Poetry contest).
3. One person can enter as many different poems as one wishes as long as each poem includes the \$5 entry fee.
4. Subject: Flood buckets. (For information or inspiration see <https://www.umc.org/en/content/offer-support-after-storms-create-cleaning-buckets>.)
5. Language – particularly in limericks – must be selective (in good taste).
6. Although we trust all children of God to be honest and true, before posting the poems, we reserve the right to check for plagiarism.
7. The poems will be posted in Seekers Hall *without names*, and people will vote with their dollars and cents (or sense of literary scholarship) by placing cash in containers next to the poems they like the best. At times, the containers will be removed to the church safe for safe keeping, but we will attempt to make coin and bill collection available when people are present. (Sad experiences have made jar removal necessary.)
8. By April 28 at 2 p.m., the poem that has collected the most money for the C.O.M.E. is the winner of the Poetry Contest.
9. The prize for winning will be announced on April 28.

Submit your expressions of expertise, intelligence, and creativity to the Spruce St UMC church office with either a 5-dollar bill or your check. (By mail: 386 Spruce Street, Morgantown WV 26505)

Email, submission: sprucedupwomen@comcast.net ; send entry fee electronically via Givelify: www.givelify.com/donors/ (Type “Spruce Street United Methodist Church” in the search box.) Please designate the Poetry Contest in your Givelify submission.

Sharpen your pencils, and open a thesaurus. Get your creative juices flowing and draft a poem however serious or silly for the sake of raising funds for the New Vision Depot, which helps victims of disaster. (Fun video about iambic pentameter: https://youtu.be/I5IsuyUNu_4.)