

ROMANIA 2017

Calling All Adventurousome Ringers! We are looking for a few ringers and directors who are willing to step out of their comfort zones and join others in a handbell journey to Romania. Children from Casa Emanuel (a home for orphans in Criscior, Romania) and high school students from the town of Brad, Romania have been working with 5 octaves of handchimes for several years (thanks to a gift from Area 2 HMA). Last June they were given their own set of handbells (thanks to a generous gift from Schulmerich and Area 2). This summer we are going to spend a week working with them and their new instruments.



The new bells arrive in Brad.

Marilyn Shenenberger helped to get ringing started many years ago and will be leading a group from Area 2 back to Romania for a week in June. The week will include workshops and lots of ringing with the Romanian groups, time for the Americans to ring and visit some of the local sights, and a time to work with the children of the towns of Brad and Criscior. It has been several years since the last trip to mentor these ringers, so they are excited about our return.



Some of the Brad Ringers.

Participants will gather in Pittsburgh on the weekend of May 13-14 to prepare for the trip. We will fly from Toronto on June 10 and return on June 21. Several of the children who have an understanding of English will be our translators. Their enthusiasm will overcome all other communication barriers!

Interested? Feeling adventuresome? For more details, please contact Rich Pinkerton at rich@spchurch.org or call him at: 412-841-3937. We look forward to leading you on a wonderful ringing adventure!