



## WHY DO WE DO THIS EVERY YEAR?

This year, 2023, marks the fourth year All Souls' Episcopal Church has presented a European style Christmas Marketplace and Festival for the community. Why do we organize this event and what's different about this year? The Christmas Marketplace and Festival are our gift to you and our community at large. The proceeds from today underwrite projects locally and throughout the world.

### Who Do We Support?

- **Showers of Blessings** - a mobile shower unit driven to Ocean Beach to offer showers and other items to our unhoused neighbors
- **Supporting Loaves and Fishes** - a food pantry in Ocean Beach, with food and monetary donations
- **Collegia Esperanza** - provide funds, supplies and Christmas gifts for the students
- **Episcopal Refugee Network** - food, clothing and other forms of support for individuals and families new to this country
- **Rachel's Center** - Provides a safe, supportive environment and opportunities for women with few or no resources to gather, begin, and continue self-help efforts.
- **Peninsula Shepherd Senior Center** - A community that honors, respects, and cares for older adults while empowering senior independence
- **Back to School Backpacks** - In partnership with St. Mark's Episcopal Church in City Heights for San Diego's underserved children.
- **Interfaith Shelter Network**- dinners, lodging and other support for individuals making the transition to housing and employment
- **All Souls' Choristers Program** - training in choral techniques, open to children, free
- **Blessings in Bag, Episcopal Community Services, and more**

This year we bring you our Pantry and hand crafted gifts and decorations. We also have activities for children, estate quality items for sale, Christmas music and a concert, community vendors, AND St. Nicholas and his delicious cookies.

