



Tulane vocal music students have been completing service-learning credits this semester at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Under the supervision of Professor Amy Pfrimmer, the students have led music workshops for the 2nd graders receiving tutoring through the STAIR program, worked on landscaping around the Chapel, and provided music for special services and on Sunday morning. This opportunity has allowed the students to learn about sacred music in the Anglican tradition, and we have received the great gift of hearing their voices in worship. **Right:** Along with James Kelley, some students sing on Reformation Sunday.

## Fall retreat held in Ocean Springs

Laura White  
Junior at Tulane

Over fall break, chapel students packed up their homework and headed for Ocean Springs, Mississippi to spend the weekend at the Attayas' beach house.



**Above:** Madeline Shelton, Stacey Kroft, and Laura White dig in the sand at Ocean Springs while on retreat.

I was hesitant to go at first, considering the flood of homework and extracurricular responsibilities that surface around

fall break. But I knew in my heart that I needed to push my work away for a while for friends and fellowship, and I think that's what everyone got out of that weekend.

We cooked together, prayed together, watched movies together, played on the beach together, told ghost stories together...a whole bunch of wonderful things, together!

I think that my favorite part of our weekend though was the Bible study that we did on Saturday. I don't remember the passage we read, but I remember the message I got from it – we need to let "clean water" flow from our hearts to share God's love with others, and this is something that I will remember whenever I get bogged down with work again.

### Chapel begins 'Documentary and Discussion' series

This fall, the Chapel of the Holy Spirit began a monthly Documentary and Discussion Series in partnership with the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) at Tulane University. On the first Thursday of each month, recent documentaries have been shown which have approached current issues in society from either a justice or spiritual perspective. Professors from Tulane have facilitated the engaging discussions that have followed.

# Chapel of the Holy Spirit

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## Come read about the Holy Spirit at work



The Rev. Giulianna Cappelletti Gray  
Chaplain

Chapel of the Holy Spirit was aptly named at its founding over eighty years ago. As a University Chapel, we have the freedom and responsibility to dynamically shape our programs, offerings, and even our worship to respond to the ever-changing needs of our campus communities.

While many of our students are rooted in and committed to the traditions of the Church, they also are far more moved by that which is meaningful and authentic than by that which has

always been done. To remain relevant, we must rely on the graceful and surprising guidance of the Holy Spirit. This is really great fun, and as a Christian, I can think of no better way to live!

As you read through the articles our community members have written, I hope you will enjoy seeing and hearing about many of the ways in which the Holy Spirit is moving us. I also encourage you this holiday season to consider if the Spirit may be leading you to contribute to this ministry whether it be by providing a student meal on a Sunday evening, making a financial contribution, or by using the gifts and talents God has given you to meet the needs in the community.

Giulianna+

## Reformation Day at the Chapel

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On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Lutheran students and community members of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit used their gifts to lead us in an eye-opening celebration of Reformation Sunday, one of the most important days in the Lutheran Church.

While Chapel of the Holy Spirit has been in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America for several years, this celebration marked the first time that a Lutheran liturgy was used at the Chapel. It was agreed that learning about Martin Luther, some of their key theological emphases of the Lutheran Church, and experiencing the similarities and differences of worship was spiritually enriching for all of us!

One Tulane student, Meredith Massey, and one community member, Nicholas Sola, served as co-preachers for the day. Below are excerpts from Nicholas' sermon:

On October 31, 1517, a Catholic priest named Martin Luther nailed a copy of his work "The 95 Theses on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences" onto the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This is often considered to be the start of the Protestant Reformation, and a reformation is exactly what the Church needed at that time.

Luther was a radical in the most literal sense of the word. He returned to the roots of Christianity by putting the emphasis back on scripture. Two ideas that Luther preached and wrote on as ways of reforming the Church were sola scriptura (word alone) and sola gratia (grace alone). Luther wrote, "I



**Above:** Freshman Michael Glass nails a copy of the 95 Theses to a tree outside the chapel at the start of the service.

simply taught, preached and wrote God's Word. I did nothing; the Word did everything." In scripture, we are shown God's plan for salvation. Salvation is achieved through God's grace, and grace is a gift that none of us deserve which is given to all unconditionally by God.

# Chapel House: How far it has come!

Madeline Shelton  
Chapel Intern



The Chapel House has entered a new era! Gone are the days of no A/C and bio-hazard suits pinned to the wall! Gone are the days of no caretaker and little maintenance! Gone are the days of mice and pests run amuck!

While all these delightful features gave the house a lot of character and a salty tale to tell, we as a community have put in many hours of love and labor to transform the house into a first rate volunteer housing facility.

Since last autumn the Chapel community has pitched in many hours and resources to update the space and make it more secure. Faulty wiring has been removed. Old plaster ceilings were painstakingly remodeled. Locks have been replaced and doors rehung. Furniture and books have been donated to make it a home. Groups who have previously stayed in the house have marveled at its transformation. The house is now a warm and welcoming space that is true to our ministry of hospitality to those who come to donate of their time and talents in our city.

Lafitte (the Chapel Cat) and I are so grateful for all the hours spent hard at work on the house by our students, our Chaplain and her family, and our Chapel community! Thank you especially to Joe Tucker, whose expertise and skill in problem-solving construction dilemmas makes it possible for us to keep the house standing. Joe, your help keeps us going! Thank you!

The house is now open for up to 12 volunteers to stay at a



**Left:** Volunteers raise a new ceiling in the front room of the Chapel House. **Right:** The finished product.



time, from any work group. The majority of our volunteers work with Episcopal Community Services in their rebuild program, though we also house volunteers from other groups, such as "Contemplatives in Action". If you know of someone planning a service trip to the city, please let them know that the Chapel House is open and ready to receive them! Please have them contact us to book their stay!

**Chapel Passages**

**Welcome to new members of the  
Chapel of the Holy Spirit!**

Michael Hobbs  
Susan Millar and Nicholas Moorhead

## New student vestry forms, begins to lead

Erin Hedemann  
Senior at Tulane

Student involvement has always been a fundamental part of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. The mission of the Chapel embodies this, charging our congregation to "share the joy we find in faith, community, and service with the campus communities of Tulane and Loyola."

Students have come to the Chapel for different reasons, from the faith we share in services on Sundays to the community events that bring everyone together and offer a break from the stresses of university life. This semester brings this student participation to another level, with the formation of the new student vestry.

The student vestry is a group of students committed to furthering the Chapel's mission—and to shaping the community to even better meet students' needs. Not only will programs be offered for students, but programs will be designed, organized, and led by students, offering these dedicated individuals a larger role in shaping the Chapel community.

This year's student vestry members truly represent the diversity of the students of the Chapel, with members from across the country and across all university years. Freshmen Michael Glass and Maggie Fleming, sophomores Jane Ball, Max Kallenberger and Stacy Krost, junior A.J. Balatico, and myself, a senior at Tulane, will be helping pioneer this next stage in student participation at the Chapel.

I look forward to working with this group of creative, motivated individuals, and to helping further develop student programs here at the Chapel.



**Above:** Chapel members Yvonne Payne (center) and Nicholas Sola (background) volunteer with the Church of All Souls' Tutoring program in the Lower 9th Ward.

## Tutoring at All Souls' is rewarding, open to all

Yvonne Payne  
Freshman at Tulane

Every Wednesday evening I am greeted at the door of All Souls' Episcopal Church with enthusiastic hugs and chatter. The after-school tutoring program there is amazing because the staff care so very much about the education and well-being of the kids they serve. The students are smart, funny, and full of potential.

I look forward to going every week and helping out in any way I can because positive change is occurring. The

kids are hungry for knowledge and think that learning is fun (well, sometimes they do, and wouldn't the world be perfect if we all did?) Usually I work with the third graders. I love that I have gotten to know them and that they have gotten to know me.

It's sweet to me that I'm making a difference in someone's life and that this tutoring program has impacted my own. I've learned that life should not be so self-centered—I'm much more joyful when I'm helping someone else. I'd encourage you to check this program out—you'll fall in love with it!

**Upcoming Events at the Chapel**

**Advent Lessons and Carols**  
Sunday, December 5 at 5pm

**Advent Study: What makes a gift a gift?**  
The Rev. Giulianna Cappelletti Gray will lead a weekly Advent study the first three Thursdays in Advent (Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>), beginning at 6pm. Each session will begin with a simple vegetarian supper and conclude with Compline at 7:30pm. All are welcome!