

Your NFC

a weekly newsletter for the
people of the
Newberg Friends Church
community

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Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

by Jamie Johnson

There's something about context that helps us make sense of the world. I still distinctly remember the discombobulating experience of seeing my grade school teacher at the grocery store—"Don't you live in the classroom?" Some days my work at George Fox feels similarly disorienting, but providing context for the different places in which I serve helps me to remember who I am and to what God has called me in this season of life. Here are a few parts of my context:



The Bauman Stage: I spend a lot of time in Bauman Auditorium. As the associate university pastor of chapel programs, I have schedules to create, speakers to invite, sermons to prepare, and bands to rehearse in order to make our twice-weekly chapel services engaging and worshipful for our students.

The Football Locker Room: As chaplain for the George Fox football team, I get to spend a lot of time with the players and coaching staff. In this role I attend practices and stand on the sidelines during games, sometimes engaging in theological conversations with players, sometimes praying for injured players, and sometimes catching passes while the team warms up. But in the *locker room*, where we hold weekly Bible studies, we get to explore who God is and how God is working in their lives as student athletes at George Fox.

The Classroom: Every semester I also teach a couple of classes in the College of Christian Studies. From introductory Bible and theology classes to upper division Christian ministry courses, I get to journey alongside students as we seek to learn from and listen to the Holy Spirit.

Maybe you can see why I have a difficult time answering when someone asks "What do you do?" Who am I? Am I a pastor? A professor? A propastor? A pastfessor? It seems I've spent so much time trying to figure out the answer to that question that I can sometimes (often?) miss what God is calling me to right now—and that is to be present here, in this moment, right now.

If I'm honest, I too often feel as though none of these categories and contexts are the right "fit." I worry I might have missed a turn along the way, of having been too concerned about outcomes and incomes and not enough about welcomes.

This is what the Holy Spirit has been saying to me every step of the way—"welcome!" There is no place of arrival in life with God. All along this journey Jesus says to me—to you—welcome! Even though there is more journeying to do, more forming to be done, we are welcome in every context, even the grocery store.

So that's what I strive to do in my work at Fox: accept the welcome being offered to me by Jesus while also learning to extend the same welcome to those I get to work with every day.



College Scholarships for undergraduates will be available for those who consider NFC their church home and who attend Friends colleges or universities such as George Fox. Find an application at the welcome center, pick one up from the church office during the week, or download it from [this link](#). Return your completed application by June 15. We ask that students reapply each year for this scholarship.

VBS – Volunteer Opportunities and Registration

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30, 2016
9-11:30am



Register as a volunteer [HERE](#).

Register your kids for VBS [HERE](#).



The **Listening Life Group** that Steve Fawver led on Wednesday nights prior to his sabbatical continues to meet with Gail Hutchinson as facilitator. The group meets in the Hutchinsons' home at 2301 Alder Lane in Newberg, Wednesday evenings, 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. The group plans to meet at least through May and most likely for longer. The group is open to anyone on a drop-in basis. The format will focus on a short Scripture passage read in a manner similar to lectio divina, with the expectation that the Holy Spirit would allow participants to listen then apply and share their impressions. Light refreshments and a time of prayer are included each evening. For more information, please call Gail (704-661-8837) or Hutch (503-487-7218).

Note: Because of a scheduling conflict, the group will meet at Ron Woodward's home on Wednesday, May 18.

NFC ALL-CHURCH WORK MORNING

Saturday, May 21
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

ALL COMERS!

Join the Sandals Sunday school class for a three-week series titled "Reading Romans Responsibly" led by Mary Schmitt, a professor in the George Fox College of Christian Studies.

Romans is a book that often gets mined for "one-liners." But to read *Romans* responsibly is to attend to the whole letter and also to the particular context to which the letter originally was written. To achieve this, we will take a unique starting point: the end of the letter, in which the situation at Rome is most clearly displayed. Then the subsequent classes will work backward through the letter for a potentially fresh look at a seemingly familiar text.



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children and family ministries

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spiritual health and care

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seniors ministries

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lead pastor

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youth ministries

Elizabeth Sherwood
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READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY

[Luke 19:1-10](#)

What's Ahead

SUNDAY

9am | Sunday school for children and adults — for times and classroom information, find "Educational Opportunities" at each entrance, each "Info Center," at the welcome center, or ask a greeter to help you.

9am | worship gathering

10-10:45am | Community Time | in the social hall and library

10:15-10:45am | library staffed

10:30am | Agape Sunday school class | Barclay B

10:45am | worship gathering

Monday, May 16

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, May 18

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Julia Pearson WMF | 11:30am | luncheon in the Hess Creek Dining Room for installation of officers

Middle school youth group | 6:00pm | Friends Center

High school youth group | 7:30pm | Friends Center

Thursday, May 19

Women's Bible Fellowship | 8:45am | social hall

K-2 Fun Night | 6-7:30pm | FC gym | dinner, games, and stories for children K through 2nd grade

Friday, May 20

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, May 21

Men's prayer meeting | 8am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room

NFC work morning | 8:30-11:30am | contact [Arnie Mitchell](#) or 503-537-4535

Sunday, May 22

Read ahead: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

Plan Ahead

May 24 | elders/stewards budget meeting | 7pm | Barclay A | to finalize proposal for 2016-17 fiscal year budget

May 26 | 3:4-5 Fun Night | 6-8pm | dinner, games, and a mission presentation for children in 3rd-5th grade.

May 30 | NFC office closed for Memorial Day holiday

June 5 | Taizé gathering | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

June 6 | JOY breakfast | 8am | Friendsview Hess Creek dining room | \$4 | for seniors 55 and older

June 7 | NHS Baccalaureate | 7pm | NFC sanctuary

June 11 | wood ministry work session | 9-11:30am | Friends Cemetery on Everest Rd | contact Larry Hampton, 503-538-6508

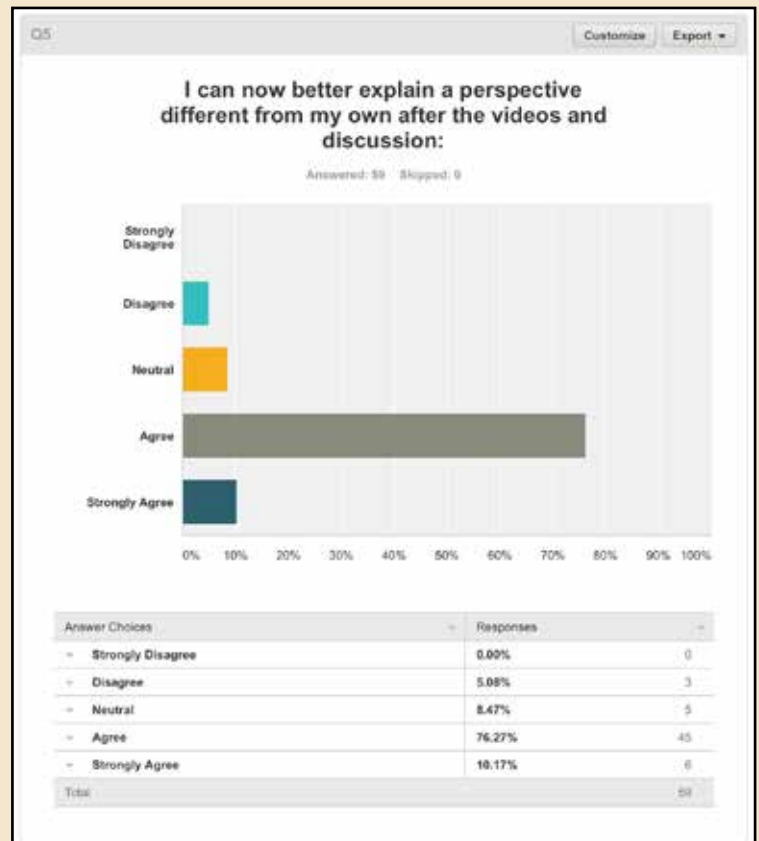
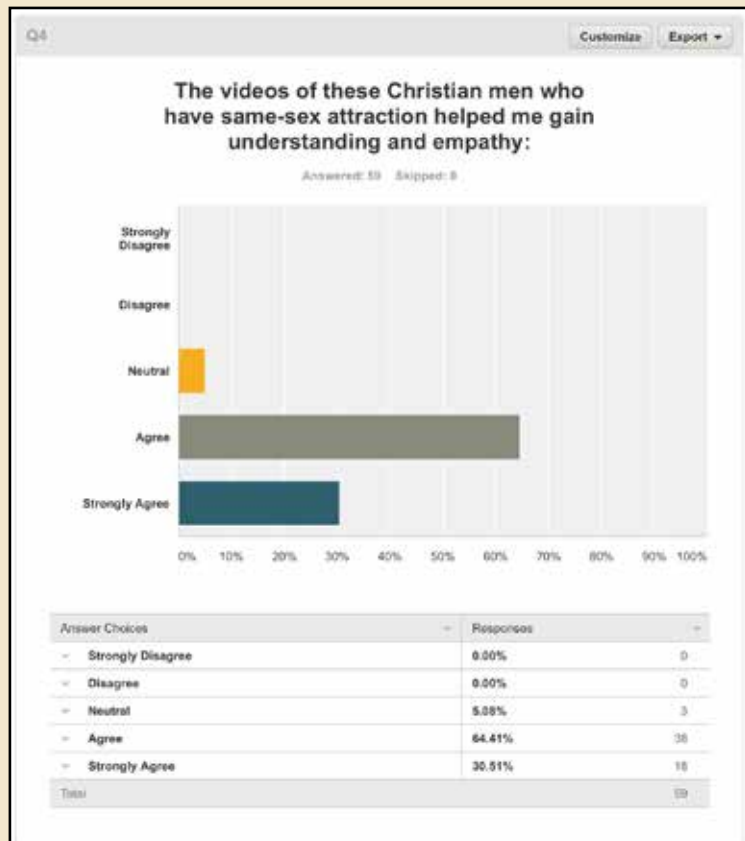
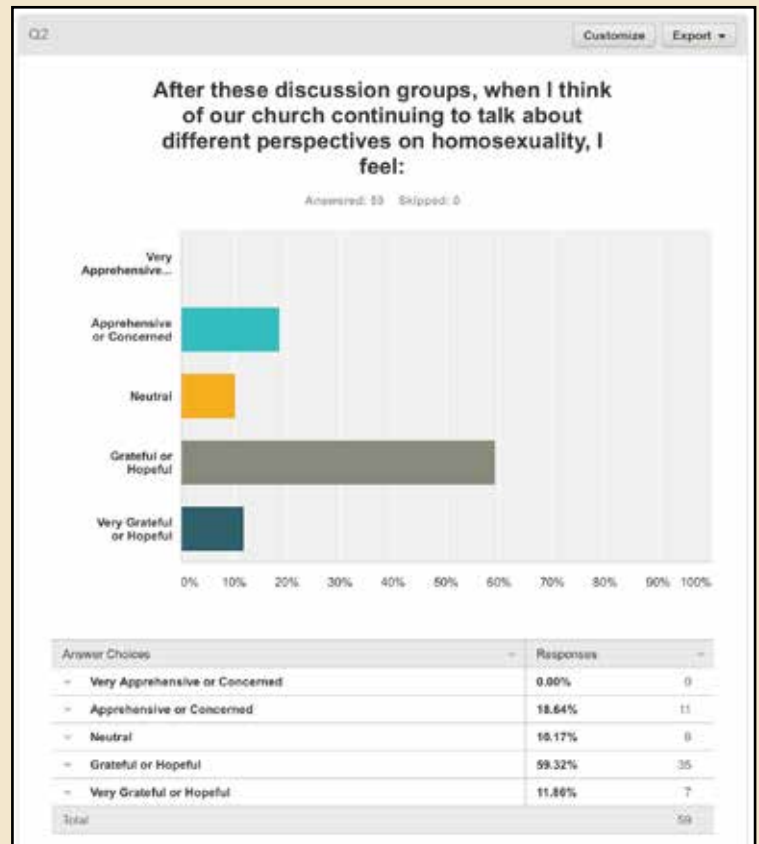
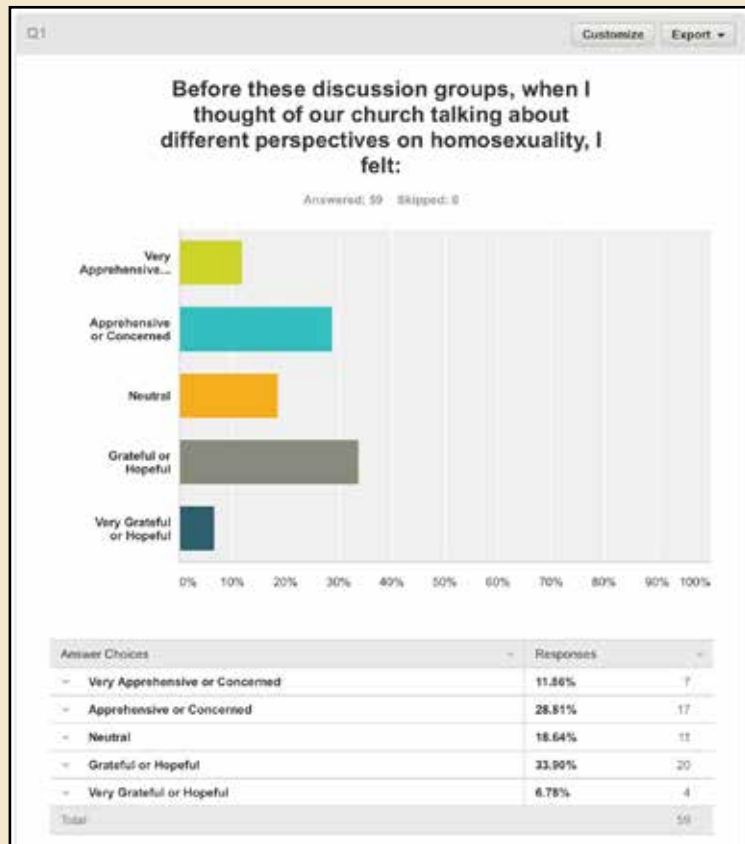
June 12 | congregational business meeting | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

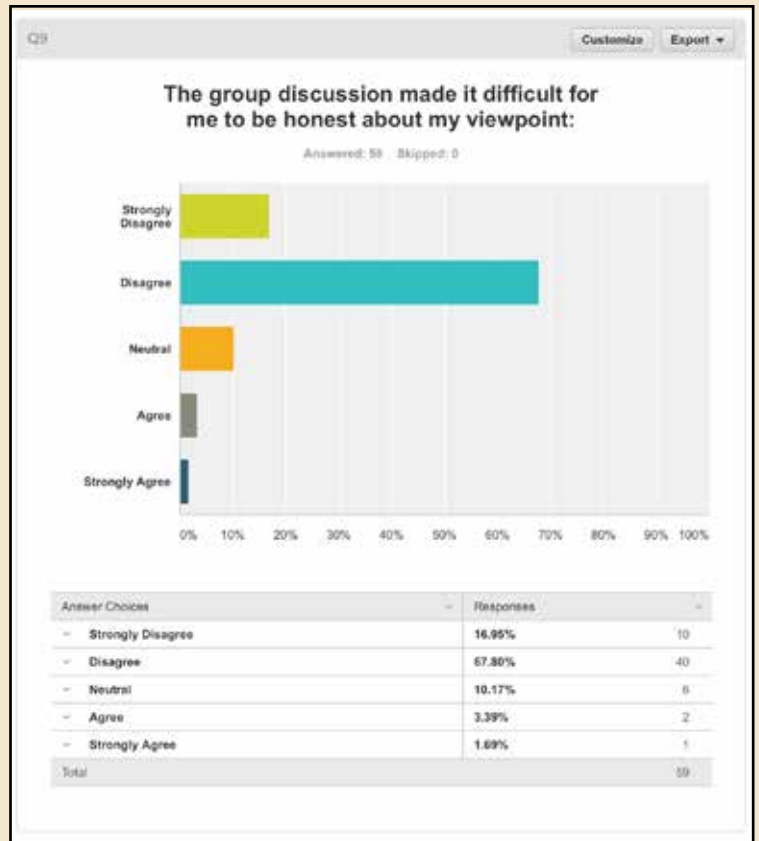
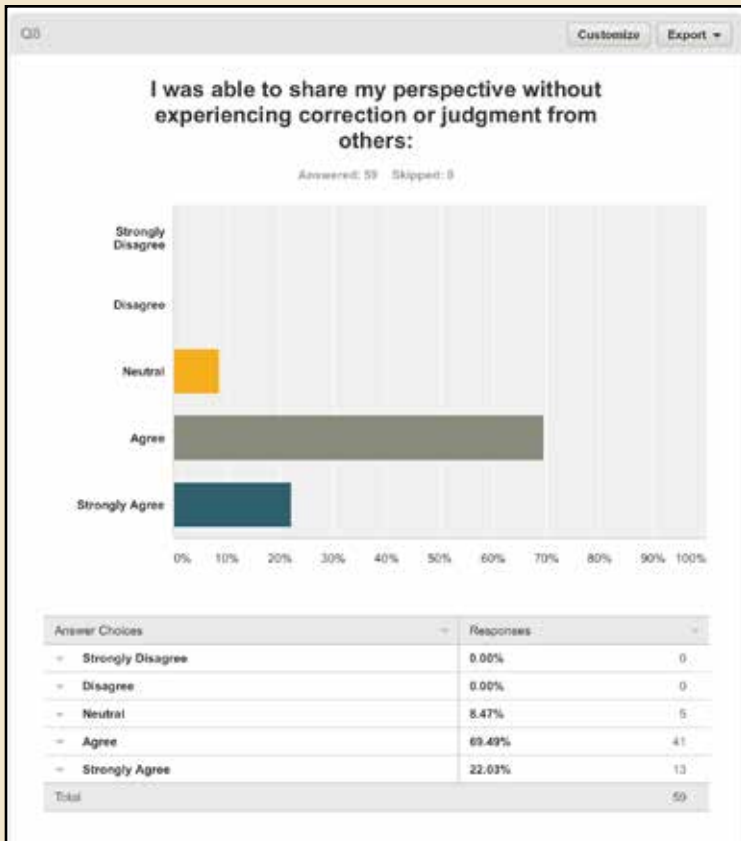
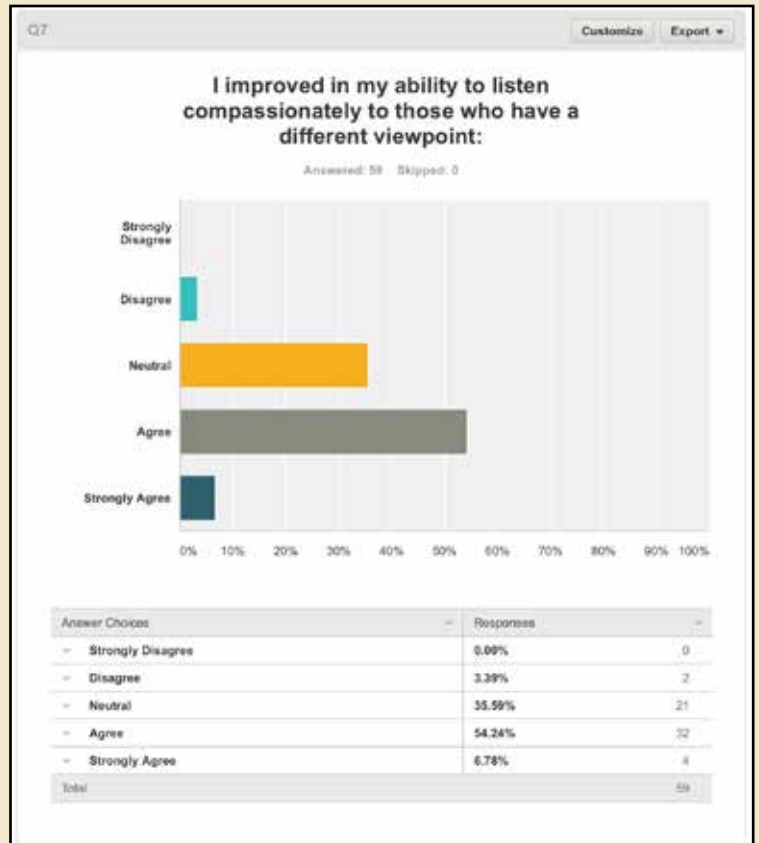
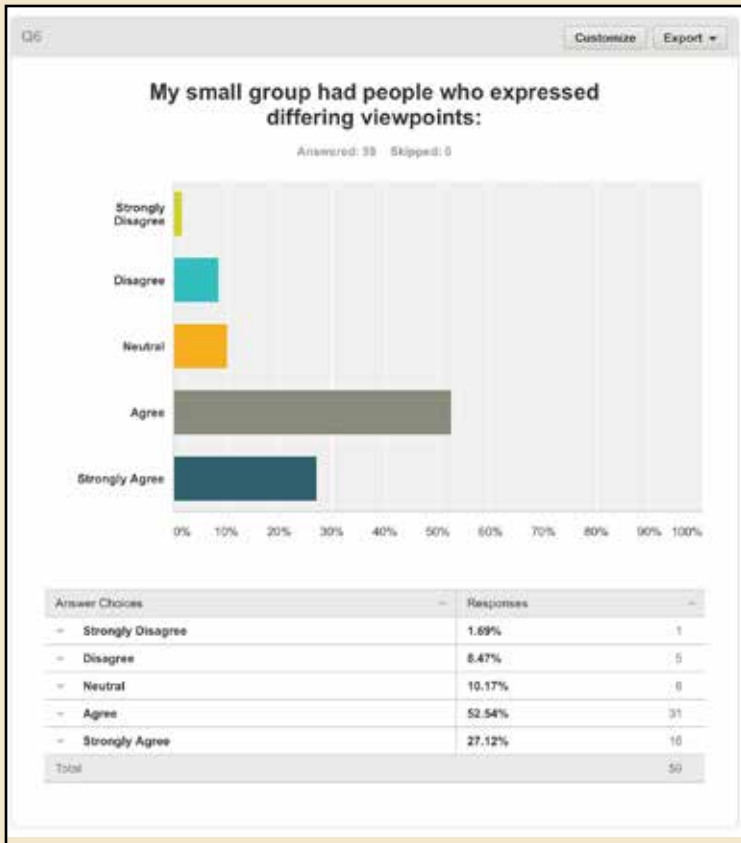
June 13 | Call to Prayer | 6:30pm | Room 236

June 27-30 | VBS | 9-11:30am | register your children at <http://tinyurl.com/cavequestvbs2016>

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

Every Sunday during the month of April, more than 100 people from NFC watched videos and participated in discussion groups that focused on different Christian views on homosexuality. Thank you to the 59 people who filled out a questionnaire about the experience! The elders wanted everyone to see the results from the survey:





We are encouraged that the experience of learning and discussing together resulted in lowered apprehension and better understanding of different perspectives. The elders are aware that these discussion groups were only a narrow slice of the area of human sexuality and are considering further ways to learn together and encourage deeper faithfulness as we each seek to live obediently to God.

Need Sheet

Needed:

- Friends Cemetery needs a power washer 3500 psi. Also, will you help us get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day? We need volunteers to come and whack weeds and trim grass. Contact Elizabeth Sherwood for either request at 503-537-8800 or elizabeth@newbergfriends.org.
- I'm getting married and need a place to rent. We have one dog (32 lbs). She is a Vizsla Terrier, does not bark, and is house trained. Looking to move in May or beginning of June. Please contact Reed at 503-332-6519.
- If you haven't used your music stand in a while but aren't quite ready to part with it on a permanent basis, I would make it feel useful through the end of August. Contact Janelle Nordyke at 503-550-4114.
- Help wanted with general maintenance yard work. No mowing. Starting pay \$8 per hour, \$10 with excellent work. Call Shari at 503-538-7005 or e-mail at shunny522@hotmail.com.

Available:

- Fisher Roofing is hiring! We have positions open for summer helpers as well as longer-term positions for those looking to start a career. If you are a hard worker with a positive attitude, please e-mail your resume/application to Katie@fisherroof.com. Applications are available [HERE](#). Call with questions or drop off your application at our office: Fisher Roofing, 13580 SW Galbreath Dr., Sherwood, OR 97140, 503-227-7663.
- Year-round staff openings at Camp Tilikum. One of the best things about Tilikum is the great people we get to work with! In addition to summer staff, we have these year-round positions open currently: 1) Full-time – food services director, \$35 to \$37K annual salary; 2) part-time – lead cook (15 hours/week), \$12 to \$14/hr.; 3) part-time – groundskeeper (20 hours/week), \$12 to \$14/hr. If you or someone you know is interested, please [go to this website](#).
- Free to student: One of our graduating George Fox students left behind a women's Trek 3700 mountain bike in good condition. She would like it to go to a student or young person in need of a good bike. Please contact gregg@newbergfriends.org if you are interested.
- Two rooms for rent. One room has a private bath. The other shares a bathroom. Rent includes utilities, shared kitchen, living room, dining room, and large yard. Laundry facilities & WiFi included. Rents are \$550 & \$500 respectively. Inquire to Ron and Debbie Dingman at 503-550-7385, 12543 NE Honey Lane, Newberg.

For Sale:

- Stationary recumbent exercycle, \$20. Call Kay at 503-538-2577.
- Viking Husquvarna sewing machine with case and sewing table (which fits the machine), \$150. Call Donna at 503-538-4318.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: sherry@newbergfriends.org

• mail: NFC, P.O. Box 487, attn. Sherry

• bring a written ad to the NFC office at 600 E. 3rd Street

deadline: May 25 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/