

UUFB Email Group Policy, affirmed by the Board of Directors on May 8, 2012

The UUFB Email Group is located at uufb@yahoogroups.com. To join the list as a group member, you must first become a Yahoo member. Becoming a group member and yahoo member is not necessary for simply receiving from and sending emails to the list serve. To subscribe, send an email to uufb-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. See “Joining the UUFB Email Group” for more detailed information.

The primary purpose of the UUFB email group is for announcements directly related to the life of the Fellowship, i.e., announcements related to our UUFB services and “official” activities.

A secondary purpose is to maintain and strengthen our UUFB community.

To make sure that we keep the number of emails to a manageable level, and to support community life, we have established policy related to those uses of the email group that are not directly related to UUFB services and official UUFB activities.

Examples of appropriate uses

- Asking for help, or for a recommendation for where and how to find help
- Trading or giving away items, or finding a needed item
- Passing on a job lead or other information that may help other friends and members
- Announcing an event or opportunity related to another organization the Fellowship, through the Board, has “adopted” – e.g., the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, Family Promise

Examples of uses considered inappropriate

- Postings about politics, news, or current events, or jokes
- Advertising member businesses or events in which a member has a direct monetary interest
- Posting items for sale or properties for rent
- Announcements related to other charitable organizations.

An important exception about sales and rentals: if a member or friend is selling or renting an item or service for which all proceeds will be donated to UUFB, an announcement to that effect is certainly appropriate.

The Sunday Service bulletin board is the place for posting other sale and rental items, business notices, and other non-UUFB announcements. *Everyone is encouraged* to post items on the bulletin board, and to check out what’s on the board each Sunday.

How to use the email group

1. *Please clearly identify* in the subject line what the message is about.
2. To reply to a posting, *please reply only to the person* who posted it. At the bottom of the post, select “Reply to sender.”