

# Operation Oreo



*Alpharetta First United Methodist Church dedicates 3.7 tons of Oreos on Operation Oreo Sunday 2014. The cookies were sent to service members stationed in Afghanistan at Forward Operating Bases Fentry and Gamberi, as well as Shindand, Kandahar and Bagram Air Bases. The Oreos provide a little taste of home, and they're a simple way to say thank you to those who stand in harm's way to protect our freedoms. The annual cookie drive began with a 2009 chance encounter on a plane between Senior Pastor Dr. Don Martin and a young soldier who was returning from duty in Iraq. When Dr. Martin asked him what he missed most while away, the young man replied, without hesitation, "Oreos, Double Stuff!" Every summer since then, AFUMC has collected and shipped packages of Oreos to service men and women in combat zones overseas.*



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- **Operation Oreo** is a local United Methodist Church initiative, coordinated by Alpharetta First United Methodist Church, to support our US troops overseas.
- **80,000 men and women serve** in Asia, with 9,800 in Afghanistan.
  - 1,000 deployed this month.
- **Operation Oreo Sunday** is designated June 28, 2015.
- **2015 Goals**
  - Distribute 4 tons (8,000 lbs.) to our men and women serving overseas.
  - Expand the initiative beyond AFUMC by inviting other churches in the N. Ga. Conference to participate.
- **Program Outline** (AFUMC will provide outline/assistance to participating churches.)
  - **Feb.-Mar.:** Determine program coordinator for your church.
  - **April:** Meet with AFUMC coordinators to review process.
  - **May:** Share Operation Oreo message to your congregation, focusing on church members serving in the military.
  - Designate June 28 as Oreo Sunday at your church!
  - **June:** Collect Oreos, place on altar on June 28 so the congregation can see and feel support for our troops.
    - Place notes to troops written by children and youth on the Oreo boxes.
    - Deliver packaged boxes of Oreos to AFUMC no later than June 30.
    - Provide AFUMC funds for delivery (approximately \$1 for every pound of Oreos).
- **Please let Dr. Don Martin know of your interest today.**

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