



## ON THE BANKS OF JACOBS CREEK *A History of the Scottdale Mennonite Churches*

by Daniel Hertzler

Foreword by John E. Sharp

**Summary:** Daniel Hertzler tells the story, both sorrowful and inspiring, of how Scottdale (Pa) Mennonite Church emerged in 2003 from the opportunities and crises faced by the Mennonite congregations in which it has roots—North Scottdale Mennonite Church, Kingview Mennonite Church, Mennonite Church of Scottdale—and Mennonite Publishing House.

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