

MERCANTILE BANK CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHRISTMAS CHARLES E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD ST.

(Street)

GRAND RAPIDS,, MI 49504

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MERCANTILE BANK CORP [MBWM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/13/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price				
Common Stock	11/13/2014		A		3,500	A	\$ 0	21,544 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock								29,376 ⁽²⁾	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock								1,422 ⁽²⁾	I	401(k) Plan for spouse
Common Stock								300	I	By spouse

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.14	11/13/2014		A	1,000	11/13/2016	11/12/2021	Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy)	\$ 24.4639					06/01/2014	11/22/2014	Common Stock	1,447
Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy)	\$ 22.8662					06/01/2014	11/28/2015	Common Stock	1,378
Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy)	\$ 22					06/01/2014	11/27/2016	Common Stock	1,312
	\$ 16					06/01/2014	12/03/2017		4,500

Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy)				Common Stock	
Employee Stock Option (Common Stock - right to buy)	\$ 7.8	06/01/2014	11/24/2018	Common Stock	4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHRISTMAS CHARLES E C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD ST. GRAND RAPIDS,, MI 49504			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt,
attorney-in-fact

11/17/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes shares acquired since last report of common stock ownership by reinvesting cash dividends under the issuer's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (2) Includes shares acquired pursuant to the issuer's 401(k) Plan since last report of common stock ownership.

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