

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 15, 2016  
UNITED STATES

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): January 15, 2016**

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**Mercantile Bank Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Michigan</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>000-26719</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>38-3360865</b> (IRS Employer Identification Number)
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<b>310 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>49504</b> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code           **616-406-3000**

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

**Retirement of Executive Officer.** On January 15, 2016, Samuel G. Stone, Executive Vice President of Corporate Finance and Strategic Planning of Mercantile Bank Corporation and its wholly-owned banking subsidiary, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, retired. Mr. Stone has served in those roles since the merger with Firstbank Corporation in June of 2014. Prior to that time, he served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of Firstbank Corporation.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Mercantile Bank Corporation

By: /s/ Charles E. Christmas  
Charles E. Christmas  
Executive Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: January 15, 2016