

CHRISTMAS CHARLES E

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O MERCANTILE BANK
CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD
ST.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/29/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP AND CFO

(Street)
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/29/2018		A	(A) or (D) 5,302 (1)	\$ 0 36,813	D	
Common Stock					380 (2)	I	By spouse
Common Stock					34,872 (3)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					1,570 (3)	I	401(k) Plan for 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)		8. P Der Sec (Ins
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.15					11/13/2016	11/12/2021	Common Stock	1,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.66					11/19/2017	11/18/2022	Common Stock	1,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.22					11/17/2018	11/16/2023	Common Stock	1,000	

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	EVP AND CFO

Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/03/2018

__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) This award of shares is being made pursuant to the Issuer's performance-based restricted stock award agreement, such that a portion or all of this award of restricted stock may be forfeited in the future if certain performance metrics are not met.
- (2) Includes shares acquired since last report of common stock ownership by reinvesting cash dividends under the issuer's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (3) Includes shares acquired pursuant to the issuer's 401(k) Plan since last report of common stock ownership.

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