

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 27, 2017  
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): February 27, 2017**

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**Mercantile Bank Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-26719**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**38-3360865**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**310 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**49504**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**616-406-3000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of

the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 27, 2017, Mercantile Bank Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that Mercantile Bank of Michigan, its banking subsidiary, is expanding its operating area into Southeast Michigan by opening a commercial loan office in Troy, Michigan.

The press release issued is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release of Mercantile Bank Corporation dated February 27, 2017

**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: February 27, 2017

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