

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SENIOR V.P. AND CFO

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

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

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	11/14/2014		L	V	40	A	\$ 20.27	340	I	By spouse
Common Stock								21,544	D	
Common Stock								29,376	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock								1,422	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...
						Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code    V    (A)    (D)				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.14					11/13/2016    11/12/2021	Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.8662					06/01/2014    11/28/2015	Common Stock	1,378
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22					06/01/2014    11/27/2016	Common Stock	1,312
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16					06/01/2014    12/03/2017	Common Stock	4,500
Employee Stock Option (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 V.P. AND CFO

## Signatures

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

11/24/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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