

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

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

(Street)  
  
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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/29/2018		A	5,302 (1) A \$ 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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