MERCANTILE BANK CORP Form 8-K January 19, 2010

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

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 19, 2010

Mercantile Bank Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

000-26719 38-3360865 Michigan (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer of incorporation) Number) 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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Earnings Release. On January 19, 2010, Mercantile Bank Corporation issued a press release announcing earnings and other financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2009. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated here by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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99.1	Press release of Mercantile Bank Corporation reporting financial results and earnings for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2009.

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 Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: January 19, 2010

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