

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 14, 2008

**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): October 10, 2008**

**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):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

**Retirement of Director.** On October 10, 2008, our director, C. John Gill, advised us that he would retire from our Board of Directors, and that of our subsidiary, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, effective at the close of business on December 31, 2008. Mr. Gill has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 1997. Mr. Gill's decision to retire is not a result of any disagreement with us relating to our operations, policies or practices.

**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: October 14, 2008