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#### [x] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE

#### SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2012

OR

### [] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE

### SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Transition Period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 0-17071

#### FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana 35-1544218 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

200 East Jackson Street, Muncie, IN 47305-2814 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): (765) 747-1500

Not Applicable (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X] No [1]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes [X] No [ ]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Large accelerated filer [ ] Accelerated filer [ ] Non-accelerated filer [ ] (Do not check if smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company [ ]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  $[\ ]$  No [X]

As of July 31, 2012, there were 28,650,646 outstanding common shares of the registrant.

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### FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION FORM 10Q PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands)

			D	ecember
	$\mathbf{J}_1$	une 30,		31,
		2012		2011
	(Uı	naudited)		
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	68,493	\$	73,312
Interest-bearing time deposits		41,760		52,851
Investment securities available for sale		547,551		518,491
Investment securities held to maturity (fair value of \$413,247 and \$442,469)		396,770		427,909
Mortgage loans held for sale		15,278		17,864
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$70,143 and \$70,898	2	,727,491		2,642,517
Premises and equipment		51,335		51,013
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock		33,033		31,270
Interest receivable		16,506		17,723
Core deposit intangibles		8,649		9,114
Goodwill		141,357		141,357
Cash surrender value of life insurance		124,018		124,329
Other real estate owned		14,183		16,289
Tax asset, deferred and receivable		32,003		36,424
Other assets		13,996		12,613
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4	,232,423	\$ 4	4,173,076
LIABILITIES				
Deposits:				
Noninterest-bearing	\$	684,101	\$	646,508
Interest-bearing	2	,604,797		2,488,147
Total Deposits	3	,288,898		3,134,655
Borrowings:				
Federal funds purchased		652		
Securities sold under repurchase agreements		160,127		156,305
Federal Home Loan Bank advances		96,847		138,095
Subordinated debentures and term loans		115,951		194,974
Total Borrowings		373,577		489,374
Interest payable		2,168		2,925
Other liabilities		32,104		31,655
Total Liabilities	3	,696,747		3,658,609
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES				
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Preferred Stock, no-par value, \$1,000 liquidation value:				
Authorized - 500,000 shares				
Senior Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B				
Issued and outstanding - 90,782.94 shares		90,783		90,783
Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$1,000 par value, \$1,000 liquidation value:				

Authorized - 600 shares

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Issued and outstanding - 125 shares	125	125
Common Stock, \$.125 stated value:		
Authorized - 50,000,000 shares		
Issued and outstanding - 28,643,264 and 28,559,707 shares	3,580	3,570
Additional paid-in capital	255,632	254,874
Retained earnings	188,863	168,717
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,307)	(3,602)
Total Stockholders' Equity	535,676	514,467
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 4,232,423	\$ 4,173,076

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

# FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION FORM 10Q

## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Mont June			
	2012		2011		2012		2011
INTEREST INCOME							
Loans receivable:							
Taxable	\$ 36,652	\$	37,457	\$	72,500	\$	76,195
Tax exempt	123		247		240		349
Investment securities:							
Taxable	4,468		5,040		9,042		9,587
Tax exempt	2,551		2,535		5,113		5,088
Federal funds sold			1				3
Deposits with financial institutions	28		100		53		183
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	347		341		690		682
Total Interest Income	44,169		45,721		87,638		92,087
INTEREST EXPENSE							
Deposits	3,939		5,864		8,049		12,730
Federal funds purchased	12		3		24		6
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	197		386		492		764
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	637		977		1,631		1,978
Subordinated debentures and term loans	1,331		2,644		3,273		5,285
Total Interest Expense	6,116		9,874		13,469		20,763
NET INTEREST INCOME	38,053		35,847		74,169		71,324
Provision for loan losses	4,545		5,625		9,420		11,219
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR							
LOAN LOSSES	33,508		30,222		64,749		60,105
OTHER INCOME							
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,893		2,997		5,712		5,776
Fiduciary activities	1,938		1,929		3,921		3,965
Other customer fees	3,150		2,634		5,736		4,869
Commission income	1,485		1,024		3,152		2,912
Earnings on cash surrender value of life insurance	662		571		2,040		1,149
Net gains and fees on sales of loans	2,314		1,030		4,266		2,903
Net realized gains on sales of available for sale securities	502		825		1,291		1,288
Other-than-temporary impairment on available for sale							
securities							(2,775)
Portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income							
before taxes							2,375
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings							(400)
Gain on FDIC modified whole bank transaction					9,124		
Other income	221		51		581		457
Total Other Income	13,165		11,061		35,823		22,919
OTHER EXPENSES							
Salaries and employee benefits	19,641		18,560		38,995		35,736
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Net occupancy	2,473	2,415	5,124	5,160
Equipment	1,656	1,677	3,461	3,460
Marketing	564	436	1,006	818
Outside data processing fees	1,506	1,458	2,882	2,903
Printing and office supplies	294	313	561	601
Core deposit amortization	480	1,101	949	2,202
FDIC assessments	862	1,451	1,979	3,555
Other real estate owned and credit-related expenses	2,122	2,843	4,308	6,038
Other expenses	4,582	4,145	8,943	7,807
Total Other Expenses	34,180	34,399	68,208	68,280
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	12,493	6,884	32,364	14,744
Income tax expense	3,288	1,396	8,788	3,795
NET INCOME	9,205	5,488	23,576	10,949
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion	(1,135)	(990)	(2,270)	(1,978)
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON				
STOCKHOLDERS	\$ 8,070	\$ 4,498	\$ 21,306	\$ 8,971
Per Share Data:				
Basic Net Income Available to Common Stockholders	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.35
Diluted Net Income Available to Common Stockholders	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.35
Cash Dividends Paid	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02
Average Diluted Shares Outstanding (in thousands)	28,815	25,783	28,782	25,773

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

# FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION FORM 10Q CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,		
		2012		2011	2	2012		2011
Net Income	\$	9,205	\$	5,488	\$	23,576	\$	10,949
Other comprehensive income net of tax:								
Unrealized holding gain on securities available for sale								
arising								
during the period, net of income tax of \$664, \$1,099, \$653,								
and \$3,674		1,232		2,041		1,212		6,823
Unrealized loss on securities available for sale for which a								
portion of an other than temporary impairment has been								
recognized in income, net of tax of \$24, \$0, \$31, and \$844		(44)				(58)		(1,568)
Unrealized loss on cash flow hedges arising during the								
period,								
net of income tax of \$567, \$217, \$404, and \$170		(1,053)		(403)		(750)		(316)
Amortization of items previously recorded in accumulated								
other comprehensive								
income (loss), net of income tax of \$113, \$11, \$393, and								
\$20		209		(20)		730		(38)
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income	<b>;</b>							
net of income tax expense of \$176, \$289, \$452, and \$311		(326)		(537)		(839)		(577)
		18		1,081		295		4,324
Comprehensive Income	\$	9,223	\$	6,569	\$	23,871	\$	15,273

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax, included in stockholders' equity, are as follows:

	June 30, 2012		,	
Net unrealized gain on securities available for sale	\$	18,617	\$	18,244
Net unrealized loss on securities available for sale for which a portion of an other- than-temporary impairment has been recognized in income		(3,226)		(3,168)
Net unrealized loss on cash flow hedges		(2,590)		(1,841)
Defined benefit plans	\$	(16,108) (3,307)	\$	(16,837) (3,602)

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

# FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION FORM 10Q

# CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Preferred		Common S	Stock	Additional	Co	Accumulated Other omprehensive	e
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Paid in Capital	Retained Earnings	Income (Loss)	Total
Balances,								
December 31, 2011	90,908	\$ 90,908	28,559,707	\$ 3,570	\$ 254,874	\$ 168,717	\$ (3,602)	\$ 514,467
Comprehensive								
Income Net Income						23,576		23,576
Other						25,570		23,370
Comprehensive								
Income, net of tax							295	295
Cash Dividends on								
Common Stock								
(\$.04 per share)						(1,160)		(1,160)
Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock								
under Small								
Business Lending								
Fund						(2,270)		(2,270)
Share-based						, ,		, , ,
Compensation			73,469	9	677			686
Stock Issued Under								
Employee Benefit			22.405	2	222			225
Plans Stock Issued Under			23,495	3	222			225
Dividend								
Reinvestment and								
Stock Purchase Plan			7,625	1	86			87
Stock Redeemed			(21,032)	(3)	(227)			(230)
Balances, June 30,								
2012	90,908	\$ 90,908	28,643,264	\$ 3,580	\$ 255,632	\$ 188,863	\$ (3,307)	\$ 535,676

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# FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION FORM 10Q

# CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	June	30	),
	2012		2011
Cash Flow From Operating Activities:			
Net income	\$ 23,576	\$	10,949
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for loan losses	9,420		11,219
Depreciation and amortization	2,348		2,571
Change in deferred taxes	7,452		4,697
Share-based compensation	686		718
Mortgage loans originated for sale	(177,645)		(106,979)
Proceeds from sales of mortgage loans	180,231		123,602
Gain on acquisition	(9,124)		
Gains on sales of securities available for sale	(1,291)		(1,288)
Recognized loss on other-than-temporary-impairment			400
Change in interest receivable	1,745		1,673
Change in interest payable	(1,124)		(661)
Other adjustments	1,297		10,553
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 37,571	\$	57,454
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Net change in interest-bearing deposits	\$ 23,004	\$	49,351
Purchases of:			
Securities available for sale	(82,459)		(93,887)
Securities held to maturity	(566)		(75,971)
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	26,351		25,911
Proceeds from maturities of:			
Securities available for sale	47,379		22,237
Securities held to maturity	30,131		15,362
Change in Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(2)		2,500
Purchase of bank owned life insurance			(5,000)
Net change in loans	(4,579)		80,883
Net cash received from acquisition	17,200		
Proceeds from the sale of other real estate owned	3,437		5,349
Other adjustments	(1,216)		7,929
Net cash provided by investing activities	\$ 58,680	\$	34,664
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Net change in :			
Demand and savings deposits	\$ 93,510	\$	(12,918)
Certificates of deposit and other time deposits	(65,176)		(113,429)
Borrowings	31,755		62,351
Repayment of borrowings	(157,811)		(33,634)
Cash dividends on common stock	(1,160)		(518)
Cash dividends on preferred stock	(2,270)		(1,740)
Stock issued under dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plans	312		461

Stock redeemed	(230)	(124)
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (101,070)	\$ (99,551)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(4,819)	(7,433)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1	73,312	58,307
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30	\$ 68,493	\$ 50,874
Additional cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 14,226	21,424
Income tax paid	\$ 3,988	\$ 2,977
Loans transferred to other real estate owned	\$ 3,199	\$ 3,814
Non-cash investing activities using trade date accounting	\$ 757	\$ 1,036
See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.		
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# FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION FORM 10Q NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Table dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

NOTE 1. General

### **Financial Statement Preparation**

The significant accounting policies followed by First Merchants Corporation (the "Corporation") and its wholly owned subsidiaries for interim financial reporting are consistent with the accounting policies followed for annual financial reporting. All adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature and are in the opinion of management necessary for a fair statement of the results for the periods reported, have been included in the accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements.

The consolidated condensed balance sheet of the Corporation as of December 31, 2011, has been derived from the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Corporation as of that date. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in the Corporation's annual financial statements, prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, have been condensed or omitted. These consolidated condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Corporation's Form 10-K annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2012, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year.

#### NOTE 2. Purchase and Assumption

Effective February 10, 2012, the Bank assumed substantially all of the deposits and certain other liabilities and acquired certain assets of SCB Bank, a federal savings bank headquartered in Shelbyville, Indiana, from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), as receiver for SCB Bank (the "Acquisition"), pursuant to the terms of the Purchase and Assumption Agreement – Modified Whole Bank; All Deposits (the "Agreement"), entered into by the Bank, the FDIC as receiver of SCB Bank and the FDIC.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Bank acquired \$147.7 million in assets, including approximately \$11.9 million of cash and cash equivalents, \$18.9 million of marketable securities, \$1.8 million in Federal Home Loan Bank stock, \$113.0 million in loans and \$2.1 million of premises and other assets. The Bank assumed approximately \$135.7 million of liabilities, including approximately \$125.7 million in customer deposits, \$9.6 million of other borrowed money and \$402,000 in other liabilities. These balances are book balances and do not reflect the fair value adjustments which are shown on the following table. The acquisition did not include any loss sharing agreement with the FDIC.

The bid accepted by the FDIC included no deposit premium. The assets were acquired at a discount of \$29.0 million from book value. The FDIC made a payment of \$17.2 million to the Bank upon the final closing date balance sheet for SCB Bank that reflected the difference between the purchase price of the assets acquired and the value of the liabilities assumed.

The Bank engaged in this transaction with the expectation that it would be immediately accretive and add a new market area with a demographic profile consistent with many of the current Indiana markets served by the Bank.

# FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION FORM 10Q NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Table dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

#### NOTE 2. Purchase and Assumption continued

The transaction was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with the Business Combination topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC 310-20 and 310-30"). The statement of net assets and liabilities acquired as of February 10, 2012, are presented below. The assets and liabilities of SCB were recorded at the respective acquisition date provisional fair values, and identifiable intangible assets were recorded at provisional fair value.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and due from banks (1)	\$ 29,113	Deposits:	
Investment securities, available for sale	18,896	Non-interest bearing	\$ 13,715
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	1,761	NOW accounts	14,746
Loans:		Savings and money market	25,843
Commercial	51,042	Certificate of deposit	71,605
Residential mortgage	11,181	Total Deposits	125,909
Installment	31,570		
Total Loans	93,793	Federal Home Loan Bank advances	10,286
		Other liabilities	804
Premises	1,516	Total Liabilities Assumed	\$ 136,999
Core deposit intangible	484		
Other assets	560	Net Gain on Acquisition	\$ 9,124
Total Assets Purchased	\$ 146,123		

### (1) Includes \$17,200,000 cash received from the FDIC.

In many cases, the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed were determined by estimating cash flows expected to result from those assets and liabilities and discounting them at appropriate market rates. The most significant category of assets for which this procedure was used was acquired loans. The Bank acquired the \$113.0 million loan portfolio at a fair value discount of \$19.2 million. The performing portion of the portfolio, \$86.3 million, had an estimated fair value of \$76.5 million. The excess of expected cash flows above the fair value of the performing portion of loans will be accreted to interest income over the remaining lives of the loans in accordance with ASC 310-20.

Certain loans for which specific credit-related deterioration has occurred since origination are recorded at fair value which is derived from calculating the present value of the amounts expected to be collected. Income recognition on these loans is based on reasonable expectation about the timing and amount of cash flows to be collected. Many of the acquired loans deemed impaired and considered collateral dependent, with the timing of a sale of loan collateral indeterminate, remain on non-accrual status and have no accretable yield.

In accordance with ASC 310-30 (formerly Statement of Position ("SOP") 03-3 as of February 10, 2012, loans acquired during 2012 for which it was probable at acquisition that all contractually required payments would not be collected are as follows:

Preliminary estimate of contractually required principal and interest at acquisition	\$	31,143			
Preliminary estimate of contractual cash flows not expected to be collected (nonaccretable differences)		9,688			
Preliminary estimate of expected cash flows at acquisition		21,455			
Preliminary estimate of interest component of expected cash flows (accretable discount)					
Preliminary estimate of fair value of acquired loans accounted for under ASC 310-30	\$	17,303			

Pro-forma statements were determined to be impracticable due to the nature of the transaction as certain assets were not purchased.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Table dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

### NOTE 2. Purchase and Assumption continued

The carrying amount of these loans is included in the balance sheet amounts of loans receivable at June 30, 2012. The amounts of loans at June 30, 2012, are as follows:

	June 30,	
		2012
Commercial and industrial loans	\$	12,126
Agricultural production finance and other loans to farmers		1,479
Real estate loans		
Construction		91
Commercial and farmland		29,611
Residential		34,151
Individuals' loans for household and other personal expenditures		1,152
Other loans		1,025
Total	\$	79,635

Accretable yield, or income expected to be collected, is as follows:

	June 30,		
		2012	
Beginning balance, February 10, 2012	\$	9,774	
Accretions		(726)	
Ending balance, June 30, 2012	\$	9,048	

At June 30, 2012, specific reserves of \$563,000 were included in the allowance for loan losses.

# FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION FORM 10Q NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Table dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

### NOTE 3. Investment Securities

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and approximate fair values of the investment securities at the dates indicated were:

		Gross	Gross	
	Amortized	Unrealized	Unrealized	Fair
	Cost	Gains	Losses	Value
Available for sale at June 30, 2012				