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June 22, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): June 18, 2004

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

INDIANA	0-17071	35-1544218
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 East Jackson Street
P.O. Box 792
Muncie, IN 47305-2814
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(765) 747-1500
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) (99) Shareholder Letter dated June 18, 2004.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 22, 2004, the Board of Directors of First Merchants Corporation declared a \$.23 dividend on its shares of outstanding common stock. The dividend is payable to shareholders of record on June 4, 2004. The dividend was distributed along with a letter to the shareholders on June 18, 2004. A copy of the shareholder letter is attached as Exhibit 99 to this report and is furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

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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.

DATE: June 22, 2004.

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Larry R. Helms

Larry R. Helms,
Senior Vice President

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