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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 September 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 October 31, 2012, there were 28,672,461 outstanding common shares of the registrant.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in thousands)

ASSETS	September 30, 2012 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2011
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 57,027	\$ 73,312
Interest-bearing time deposits	35,324	52,851
Investment securities available for sale	551,619	518,491
Investment securities held to maturity (fair value of \$396,217 and \$442,469)	377,097	427,909
Mortgage loans held for sale	27,711	17,864
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$69,493 and \$70,898	2,766,831	2,642,517
Premises and equipment	51,373	51,013
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	32,824	31,270
Interest receivable	17,519	17,723
Core deposit intangibles	8,644	9,114
Goodwill	141,375	141,357
Cash surrender value of life insurance	124,702	124,329
Other real estate owned	13,780	16,289
Tax asset, deferred and receivable	29,344	36,424
Other assets	14,998	12,613
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,250,168	\$ 4,173,076
LIABILITIES		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 679,818	\$ 646,508
Interest-bearing	2,514,933	2,488,147
Total Deposits	3,194,751	3,134,655
Borrowings:		
Federal funds purchased	57,024	
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	153,454	156,305
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	145,467	138,095
Subordinated debentures and term loans	112,169	194,974
Total Borrowings	468,114	489,374
Interest payable	1,591	2,925
Other liabilities	38,857	31,655
Total Liabilities	3,703,313	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		
Issued and outstanding - 125 shares	125	125
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Common Stock, \$.125 stated value:

Authorized - 50,000,000 shares

Issued and outstanding - 28,672,177 and 28,559,707 shares	3,584	3,570
Additional paid-in capital	256,290	254,874
Retained earnings	198,094	168,717
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,021)	(3,602)
Total Stockholders' Equity	546,855	514,467
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 4,250,168	\$ 4,173,076

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

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

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 2011			Nine Mon Septem 2012		
INTEREST INCOME	2012		2011	2012		2011
Loans receivable:						
Taxable	\$ 38,160	\$	37,024	\$ 110,660	\$	113,219
Tax exempt	118		86	358		435
Investment securities:						
Taxable	4,176		5,078	13,218		14,665
Tax exempt	2,532		2,529	7,645		7,617
Federal funds sold						3
Deposits with financial institutions	16		45	69		228
Federal Reserve and Federal Home Loan Bank stock	345		323	1,035		1,005
Total Interest Income	45,347		45,085	132,985		137,172
INTEREST EXPENSE						
Deposits	3,517		5,046	11,566		17,776
Federal funds purchased	38		16	62		22
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	211		384	703		1,148
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	492		1,089	2,123		3,067
Subordinated debentures and term loans	1,187		2,699	4,460		7,984
Total Interest Expense	5,445		9,234	18,914		29,997
NET INTEREST INCOME	39,902		35,851	114,071		107,175
Provision for loan losses	4,609		5,556	14,029		16,775
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR						
LOAN LOSSES	35,293		30,295	100,042		90,400
OTHER INCOME						
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,913		3,169	8,625		8,945
Fiduciary activities	1,986		1,881	5,907		5,846
Other customer fees	2,740		2,583	8,476		7,452
Commission income	1,618		1,528	4,770		4,440
Earnings on cash surrender value of life insurance	685		644	2,725		1,793
Net gains and fees on sales of loans	2,849		1,768	7,115		4,671
Net realized gains on sales of available for sale securities	843		861	2,134		2,149
Other-than-temporary impairment on available for sale						
securities						(2,780)
Portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income						
before taxes						2,380
Net impairment losses recognized in earnings						(400)
Gain on FDIC modified whole bank transaction				9,124		
Other income	639		796	1,220		1,253
Total Other Income	14,273		13,230	50,096		36,149
OTHER EXPENSES						
Salaries and employee benefits	20,083		19,964	59,078		55,700
Net occupancy	2,568		2,530	7,692		7,690
Equipment	1,798		1,662	5,259		5,122

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Marketing	536	534	1,542	1,352
Outside data processing fees	1,413	1,391	4,295	4,294
Printing and office supplies	287	301	848	902
Core deposit amortization	489	755	1,438	2,957
FDIC assessments	792	1,201	2,771	4,756
Other real estate owned and credit-related expenses	2,104	2,007	6,412	8,045
Other expenses	4,334	3,877	13,277	11,684
Total Other Expenses	34,404	34,222	102,612	102,502
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	15,162	9,303	47,526	24,047
Income tax expense	3,926	2,561	12,714	6,356
NET INCOME	11,236	6,742	34,812	17,691
Loss on retirement of CPP preferred stock		(1,401)		(1,401)
Loss on extinguishment of trust preferred securities		(10,857)		(10,857)
Preferred stock dividends and discount accretion	(1,134)	(868)	(3,404)	(2,846)
NET INCOME (LOSS) AVAILABLE TO COMMON				
STOCKHOLDERS	\$ 10,102	\$ (6,384)	\$ 31,408	\$ 2,587
Per Share Data:				
Basic Net Income (Loss) Available to Common				
Stockholders	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.25)	\$ 1.09	\$ 0.10
Diluted Net Income (Loss) Available to Common				
Stockholders	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.25)	\$ 1.09	\$ 0.10
Cash Dividends Paid	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.03
Average Diluted Shares Outstanding (in thousands)	28,888	26,367	28,819	26,019

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 2011			Nine Mont Septemb 2012			
Net income	\$	11,236	\$	6,742	\$ 34,812	\$	17,691
Other comprehensive income net of tax:							
Unrealized holding gain on securities available for sale							
arising during the period,							
net of income tax of \$1,018, \$4,553, \$1,670, and \$8,212		1,891		8,457	3,102		15,255
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 \$12, \$0, \$43, and \$831		(22)			(80)		(1,546)
Unrealized loss on cash flow hedges arising during the							
period,							
net of income tax of \$131, \$778, \$535, and \$949		(244)		(1,446)	(994)		(1,762)
Amortization of items previously recorded in accumulated							
other							
comprehensive income (loss), net of income tax of \$113,							
\$10, \$506, and \$29		210		(18)	940		(53)
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income							
net of income tax expense of \$295, \$301, \$747, and \$612		(549)		(560)	(1,387)		(1,137)
		1,286		6,433	1,581		10,757
Comprehensive income	\$	12,522	\$	13,175	\$ 36,393	\$	28,448

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

	Se	eptember 30, 2012	D	ecember 31, 2011
Net unrealized gain on securities available for sale	\$	19,959	\$	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		(3,248)		(3,168)
Net unrealized loss on cash flow hedges		(2,834)		(1,841)
Defined benefit plans	\$	(15,898) (2,021)	\$	(16,837) (3,602)

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Dollars in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Preferred Common St		Stock	Additional		Accumulated Other					
					Paid in	Retained	Comprehens Income	sive			
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Capital	Earnings	(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						34,812		34,812			
Other											
Comprehensive											
Income, net of tax							1,581	1,581			
Cash Dividends on											
Common Stock						(2.024)		(2.024)			
(\$.07 per Share)						(2,031)		(2,031)			
Cash Dividends on											
Preferred Stock											
under Small											
Business Lending						(2.404)		(2.404)			
Fund Share-based						(3,404)		(3,404)			
Compensation			79,385	10	1,091			1,101			
Stock Issued Under			19,363	10	1,091			1,101			
Employee Benefit											
Plans			34,352	4	350			354			
Stock Issued Under			34,332		330			334			
Dividend											
Reinvestment and											
Stock Purchase Plan			11,475	1	142			143			
Stock options			,								
exercised			8,750	1	66			67			
Stock Redeemed			(21,492)	(2)	(233)	ı		(235)			
Balances,											
September 30, 2012	90,908	\$ 90,908	28,672,177	\$ 3,584	\$ 256,290	\$ 198,094	\$ (2,021)	\$ 546,855			

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Septem	ber	30,
	2012		2011
Cash Flow From Operating Activities:			
Net income	\$ 34,812	\$	17,691
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for loan losses	14,029		16,775
Depreciation and amortization	3,432		3,998
Change in deferred taxes	11,239		7,211
Share-based compensation	1,101		1,009
Mortgage loans originated for sale	(314,240)		(185,658)
Proceeds from sales of mortgage loans	304,393		194,870
Gain on acquisition	(9,124)		
Gains on sales of securities available for sale	(2,134)		(2,149)
Recognized loss on other-than-temporary-impairment			400
Change in interest receivable	732		904
Change in interest payable	(1,701)		(2,076)
Other adjustments	4,650		14,171
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 47,189	\$	67,146
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Net change in interest-bearing deposits	\$ 17,527	\$	49,101
Purchases of:			
Securities available for sale	(129,297)		(133,526)
Securities held to maturity	(566)		(77,678)