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#### FORM 10-Q SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

[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	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)

200 East Jackson Street, Muncie, IN47305-2814(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 []

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 [X] 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 ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in thousands)

ASSETS	June 30, 2012 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2011
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 68,493	\$ 73,312
Interest-bearing time deposits	41,760	¢ 75,512 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	\$ 4,173,076
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		
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 Months Ended June 30,			
	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

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		