

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP  
Form 10-K/A  
October 28, 2011

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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FORM 10-K/A  
(Amendment No. 1)

[Mark One]

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010

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

200 East Jackson 47305-2814  
Muncie, (Zip Code)  
Indiana  
(Address of  
principal  
executive  
offices)

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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Title of Each Class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.125 stated value per share	The NASDAQ Stock Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

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  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every interactive data file required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§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  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

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

The aggregate market value (not necessarily a reliable indication of the price at which more than a limited number of shares would trade) of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$216,452,000 as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter (June 30, 2010).

As of February 24, 2011 there were 25,864,976 outstanding common shares, without par value, of the registrant.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Documents	Part of Form 10-K into which incorporated
Portions of the Registrant's Definitive 14)	Part III (Items 10 through 14)
Proxy Statement for Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 3, 2011	



EXPLANATORY NOTE

First Merchants Corporation is filing this Amendment No. 1 to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 for the sole purpose of satisfying the requirements of Rule 15d-21 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), with respect to the First Merchants Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan (2009). This Amendment also serves to update the exhibit description and index in connection therewith.

In addition, as required by Rule 12b-15 under the Exchange Act, new certifications by the Company’s principal executive officer and principal financial officer are filed as exhibits to this Amendment. This Amendment does not reflect events occurring after the date of the initial Annual Report on Form 10-K or modify or update any disclosures that may have been affected by subsequent events. Other than the changes referred to above, all other information in the initial Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, remains unchanged.

PART IV

ITEM 15. FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES AND EXHIBITS.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to its Annual Report on Form 10-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on this 28th day of October, 2011.

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael C. Rechin  
Michael C. Rechin, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated, on this 28th day of October, 2011.

/s/ Michael C. Rechin Michael C. Rechin, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	/s/ Mark K. Hardwick Mark K. Hardwick, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
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_____ Thomas B. Clark, Director	/s/ Michael C. Rechin Michael C. Rechin, Director
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/s/ Jerry R. Engle* Jerry R. Engle, Director	/s/ Charles E. Schalliol* Charles E. Schalliol, Director
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/s/ Roderick English* Roderick English, Director	/s/ Patrick A. Sherman* Patrick A. Sherman, Director
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/s/ Dr. Jo Ann Gora* Dr. Jo Ann M. Gora, Director	_____ Terry L. Walker, Director
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/s/ William L. Hoy* William L. Hoy, Director	/s/ Jean L. Wojtowicz* Jean L. Wojtowicz, Director
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/s/ Barry J. Hudson* Barry J. Hudson, Director
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\* By Mark K. Hardwick as Attorney-in Fact pursuant to a Limited Power of Attorney executed by the directors listed above, which Power of Attorney was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the initial Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 16, 2011.

By: /s/ Mark K. Hardwick



Mark K. Hardwick  
As Attorney-in-Fact  
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