

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP
Form 8-K
June 06, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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 6, 2012

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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| 0-17071 | 35-1544218 |
| (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On June 4, 2012, the Board of Directors of First Merchants Corporation increased the size of its Board of Directors from nine (9) to ten (10) members with the additional vacancy added in Class III. The Board appointed Michael R. Becher to fill the vacancy. Mr. Becher's term will continue until the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, at which time he will be considered for election for a two (2) year term. It is expected that Mr. Becher will be named to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. A copy of the Corporation's press release, dated June 6, 2012, announcing the appointment of Mr. Becher is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)(99.1) Press Release dated June 6, 2012.

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 6, 2012

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mark K. Hardwick
Mark K. Hardwick,
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated June 6, 2012 |
