

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 19, 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): April 19, 2012

**WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-35077**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**36-3873352**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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727 North Bank Lane  
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 615-4096

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last year)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On April 18, 2012, Wintrust Financial Corporation (the Company) announced earnings for the first quarter of 2012. A copy of the press release relating to the Company's earnings results is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Certain supplemental information relating to non-GAAP financial measures reported in the attached press release is included on pages 17 and 18 of Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

99.1 First Quarter 2012 Earnings Release dated April 18, 2012.

**Signature**

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.

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

By:                    /s/   DAVID L. STOEHR  
                              **David L. Stoehr**  
                              **Executive Vice President and**  
                              **Chief Financial Officer**

Date: April 19, 2012

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