



F&M Bank Corp.



2008 ANNUAL REPORT

One hundred years

#### President's Letter





Dear Stockholder:

December 31, 2008 marked the completion of our 100th year in operation, and what a year it was. We had Live Radio Remotes at all of our Branches in conjunction with Customer Appreciation Celebrations involving food and prizes. The final Remote was at the Timberville Headquarters Branch where we had a daylong celebration including prizes and lunch for the community (over 600 people). I want to thank the shareholders for their support through the years and the employees and directors for their hard work to make it all possible. We truly have "stood the test of time".

Last year was also an interesting year from a financial perspective. The Federal Reserve reduced the Federal Funds Rate seven times to an unprecedented low of 0 to .25%. This resulted in both deposit and loan rates reaching lows not seen in the last forty years. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 34% of its value, 25 banks failed, including the two largest bank failures in our country's history (Indy Mac and Washington Mutual). Large brokerage firms, such as Lehman Brothers failed. Insurance companies, banks, auto makers and state governments all tried to line up at the federal trough, all the while mortgaging our children and grandchildren's future. After considering it, Management and the Board decided to not apply for Federal Assistance due to the "Strings" attached to the program by the Government. Given the current mood of our Congress and Administration, I definitely feel this was the right decision.

In 2008 F & M Bank Corp. experienced both significant growth and significant challenges. Total assets of our company grew to \$472 million, an increase of \$85 million since last year. This growth was fueled by rapid growth in the portfolio of loans held for investment from \$317 million to \$399. However, as has been the case in recent years, deposit growth has been more difficult. Local deposits increased only \$16 million, with non-local, brokered deposits and Federal Home Loan Bank debt providing the bulk of the funding for loan growth.

The interest income generated by the rapid growth in the loan portfolio resulted in very good earnings for Farmers & Merchants Bank; however, due to the significant drop in the stock market, F & M Bank Corp. experienced record losses within its equities portfolio. The losses within the securities portfolio were not the result of securities actually sold, but due to accounting rules that required us to recognize Other Than Temporary Impairment (OTTI) losses on securities that declined significantly in value. Typically securities are considered impaired when their value has been significantly below cost for over a year. With the continued decline in the stock market, there will likely be more OTTI losses in 2009 unless the markets experience a rapid and significant recovery.

Net income for the year totaled \$3.204 million versus \$4.453 million in 2007, a decrease of \$1.249 million. This decrease was driven by securities losses totaling \$1.680 million. However, for the year, core earnings from operations totaled \$4.399 million versus \$4.125 million in 2007, an increase of \$274 thousand or 6.65%. This increase in core earnings was the result of our strong loan growth. Earnings per share decreased from \$1.89 to \$1.38. With the increase in Assets but lower earnings, both our Return on Average Assets and Return on Average Equity at .75% and 8.5% were down significantly again due to the OTTI on the Securities Portfolio.



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Credit quality remained good with charge offs at .08% of Loans Held for Investment in 2008; which is an improvement from .11% in 2007. With the slowing economy, we may see some increase in charge offs for 2009. Nonperforming assets decreased to 1.01% of total assets, which is still higher than it has been in the last few years except for 2007. The Allowance for Loan Losses remained relatively steady at .55% of Loans Held for Investment, which is below our bank peer group; however, we feel it is adequate to cover any potential losses.

Dividends increased from \$.86 to \$.90 per share, an increase of 4.65%. In 2008 we paid out 65.01% of our earnings in dividends. This was obviously a significant increase over 2007, however it is still in line with previous years based on true cash flow rather than net income. Financial stocks in general are at their lowest levels in years and F & M has seen some decline since the first of the year to around \$22.00 from a year end price of \$30.25. Still, in light of our peers at historical lows, our price has held up well.

This report is for the year ending 2008. However, since the first of the year, the economy has continued to decline along with no positive moves in the housing market. Even though our local economy is stronger than the national economy, we are starting to see an increase in the unemployment numbers and cutbacks on the hours worked per week even for those that are employed. The stock market has also continued to decline since year end and the current administration's policies may or may not have their intended effects of stimulating the economy.

Furthermore, the FDIC seems intent on assessing more and more FDIC assessments on the Banking industry to cover potential losses. I want to note that the losses that they have had so far are primarily at the larger banks, and not the community banks like F & M. We have conducted business responsibly; however, we along with our peers, are being asked to cover losses associated with the larger banks who didn't act responsibly. Based on the current proposal of the FDIC, the assessments in 2009 will be significantly higher than 2008. This increase along with the potential for more OTTIs mentioned above and the slowing economy will make 2009 a difficult year. I can assure you that your Management Team, Board of Directors, and Staff will work diligently to make it the best year we can.

We do have a couple of projects either ready to roll out or will be shortly. After many years of research we are ready for Document Imaging to help with filing efficiency and storage space. Also, we now offer Remote Capture for businesses or individuals who want to scan their deposits themselves and electronically send them to us. In 2008 we completed the Branch Capture where the branches scan their daily work and electronically send it to Bookkeeping. In November we purchased a majority interest in VBS Mortgage, which will give us more of a presence in this field once the real estate market improves. In 2009 they have been very profitable due to the amount of refinancing to lower interest rates. We have all the services and products that meet the needs of our customers. Please refer any friends, family or associates to us to see if we can meet their needs.

I want to thank everyone again for your support and I look forward to leading your Corporation as we begin our second century in operation.

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President/CEO

## Five Year Summary of Selected Financial Data



| (Dollars in thousands,                          |     | 2008    | 2007          |     | 2006    |    | 2005    |    | 2004    |
|---|-----|---------|---------------|-----|---------|----|---------|----|---------|
| except per share data)                          |     |         |               |     |         |    |         |    |         |
| Income Statement Data:                          |     |         |               |     |         |    |         |    |         |
| Interest and Dividend Income                    | \$  | 25,544  | \$<br>24,635  | \$  | 22,526  | \$ | 19,878  | \$ | 16,804  |
| Interest Expense                                |     | 10,498  | 11,043        |     | 9,091   | -  | 6,998   | _  | 5,396   |
| Net Interest Income                             |     | 15,046  | 13,592        |     | 13,435  |    | 12,880  |    | 11,408  |
| Provision for Loan Losses                       | -1  | 815     | 270           |     | 240     |    | 360     | -  | 240     |
| Net Interest Income after                       |     |         |               |     |         |    |         |    |         |
| Provision for Loan Losses                       |     | 14,231  | 13,322        |     | 13,195  |    | 12,520  |    | 11,168  |
| Noninterest Income                              |     | 3,169   | 3,215         |     | 2,754   |    | 2,643   |    | 2,254   |
| Securities Gains (Losses)                       |     | (1,680) | 101           |     | 193     |    | 71      |    | 532     |
| Noninterest Expenses                            |     | 11,097  | 10,532        |     | 9,688   |    | 8,608   |    | 7,741   |
| Income before Income Taxes                      |     | 4,623   | 6,106         |     | 6,454   |    | 6,626   |    | 6,213   |
| Income Tax Expense                              |     | 1,419   | 1,653         |     | 1,925   |    | 1,846   |    | 1,863   |
|   |     | 1,717   | 1,000         | THE | 1,720   | -  | 1,040   |    | 1,000   |
| Net Income                                      | \$  | 3,204   | \$<br>4,453   | \$  | 4,529   | \$ | 4,780   | _  | 4,350   |
| Per Share Data:                                 |     |         |               |     |         |    |         |    |         |
| Net Income                                      | \$  | 1.38    | \$<br>1.89    | \$  | 1.90    | \$ | 1.99    | \$ | 1.80    |
| Dividends Declared                              |     | .90     | .86           |     | .82     |    | .78     |    | .74     |
| Book Value                                      |     | 15.64   | 16.71         |     | 16.05   |    | 15.22   |    | 14.21   |
| Average Shares Outstanding                      |     | 2,319   | 2,360         |     | 2,386   |    | 2,404   |    | 2,414   |
| Balance Sheet Data:                             |     |         |               |     |         |    |         |    |         |
| Assets  | \$  | 472,058 | \$<br>386,727 | \$  | 375,924 | \$ | 346,328 | \$ | 369,957 |
| Loans Held for Investment                       |     | 399,233 | 317,180       |     | 309,461 |    | 277,398 |    | 248,972 |
| Loans Held for Sale                             |     | 3,780   |               |     |         |    | 3,528   |    | 47,150  |
| Securities                                      |     | 30,785  | 36,614        |     | 37,373  |    | 34,921  |    | 38,800  |
| Deposits  |     | 342,225 | 298,560       |     | 289,522 |    | 267,310 |    | 246,505 |
| Short-Term Debt                                 |     | 20,510  | 12,743        |     | 11,717  |    | 14,345  |    | 57,362  |
| Long-Term Debt                                  |     | 65,331  | 29,714        |     | 29,247  |    | 22,808  |    | 26,462  |
| Shareholders' Equity                            |     | 36,258  | 39,165        |     | 38,105  |    | 36,567  |    | 34,260  |
| Financial Ratios:                               |     |         |               |     |         |    |         |    |         |
| Return on Average Assets <sup>1</sup>           |     | .75%    | 1.17%         |     | 1.26%   |    | 1.34%   |    | 1.31%   |
| Return on Average Equity <sup>1</sup>           |     | 8.50%   | 11.53%        |     | 12.13%  |    | 13.56%  |    | 13.11%  |
| Net Interest Margin                             |     | 3.89%   | 3.94%         |     | 4.17%   |    | 4.01%   |    | 3.82%   |
| Efficiency Ratio <sup>2</sup>                   |     | 58.60%  | 60.31%        |     | 57.45%  |    | 53.07%  |    | 54.02%  |
| Dividend Payout Ratio                           |     | 65.01%  | 45.60%        |     | 43.12%  |    | 38.70%  |    | 41.06%  |
|   |     |         |               |     |         |    |         |    |         |
| Capital and Credit Quality Ratios:              | . 1 | 0.0504  | 10.050        |     | 10.760  |    | 0.000   |    | 10.000  |
| Average Equity to Average Assets <sup>1</sup>   |     | 8.85%   | 10.05%        |     | 10.36%  |    | 9.86%   |    | 10.00%  |
| Allowance for Loan Losses to Loans <sup>3</sup> |     | .55%    | .54%          |     | .58%    |    | .60%    |    | .61%    |
| Nonperforming Assets to Total Assets            |     | 1.01%   | 1.11%         |     | .58%    |    | .20%    |    | .63%    |
| Net Charge-offs to Total Loans <sup>3</sup>     |     | .08%    | .11%          |     | .04%    |    | .07%    |    | .09%    |

Ratios are primarily based on daily average balances.

The Efficiency Ratio equals noninterest expenses divided by the sum of tax equivalent net interest income and noninterest income. Noninterest expenses exclude intangible asset amortization. Noninterest income excludes gains (losses) on securities transactions.

Calculated based on Loans Held for Investment, excludes Loans Held for Sale.



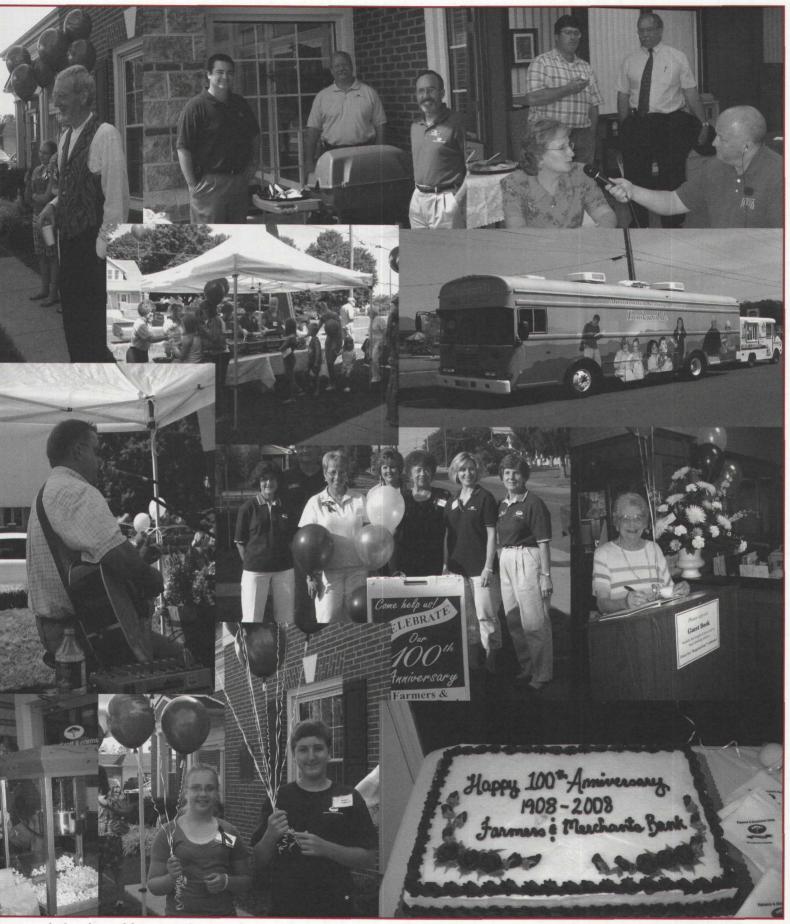
# OUR 100TH YEA



The 100th Anniversary of our bank's original opening date was August 22, 2008, and all our branches helped make sure that residents of every town knew all about it. Over nine weeks, each branch had a week-long Anniversary Party, offering refreshments and giving prizes including Millionaire For A Day cash. WSVA Radio visited each branch at the crack of dawn on a Wednesday morning, and bank folks talked about the things that make our bank special. The entire project was lots of

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work, but lots of fun too. Things culminated in Timberville on August 22, when we served lunch to over 600 people, cut over 500 slices of anniversary cake, and gave out over 400 servings of ice cream. The big Grand Prize drawing for "Millionaire For A Week" was the exciting ending to the big promotion. At local parades, the bank entered a float, built and staffed by employees, to commemorate our 100th Anniversary.



### VBS Mortgage



[standing] Vickie Wendt – Mortgage Processor, Kevin Russell- President, Richard Elliott – Mortgage Advisor (Roanoke office), Eddie Blackwell – Mortgage Advisor, Charles Whately – Mortgage Advisor (Roanoke office), Ron Ross- Mortgage Advisor, Jonathan Dean – Mortgage Advisor, Linda Labbe – Mortgage Processor

Bottom Row (left to right):

Kitty Purcell – Mortgage Advisor, Terri Dart- Office Manager, Tina Eppard – Mortgage Processor, Sue Hughes- Mortgage Advisor, Tonja Showalter- Mortgage Advisor, Amanda Cousins- Mortgage Advisor, Anita Beckman – Mortgage Advisor

In November of 2008, Farmers & Merchants Bank acquired 70% ownership in VBS Mortgage, head-quartered in Harrisonburg, VA. This affiliation combines the mortgage expertise of VBS Mortgage with the branch network offered by Farmers & Merchants Bank, offering additional mortgage products to Bank customers and giving VBS Mortgage customers direct access to a wide variety of bank products. This relationship enables VBS Mortgage to provide a fully integrated product delivery system, from construction financing, permanent financing, to title insurance and homeowners insurance along with traditional bank services.



### Employee Service Anniversaries



Jean Y. Estep 55 Years



Linda D. Jenkins 40 Years



Stephanie Shillingburg 30 Years

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Jeffrey L. Lam 25 Years



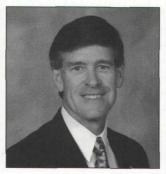
Kathy Grubbs 20 Years



Anthony W. Keyser 20 Years



Cynthia L. Merica 20 Years



Richard S. Myers 20 Years



Eleanor C. Nicholson 20 Years



Kathy Sherman 20 Years

#### Retired





Frances L. Showalter

Frances L. Showalter, head teller at our Broadway branch, retired on September 30, 2008. She had worked for our bank from 1968-1975, and after rearing her family returned here to work in May 1994 as a teller. In 1998 Frances moved to the Broadway office and in December 2002 was promoted to Head Teller. She has three sons and four grandchildren to enjoy during retirement.



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