

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

October 23, 2006

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**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): October 23, 2006  
WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>Illinois</b> (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<b>0-21923</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>36-3873352</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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<b>727 North Bank Lane</b> <b>Lake Forest, Illinois</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>60045</b> (Zip Code)
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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:

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**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 October 23, 2006, Wintrust Financial Corporation (the Company ) announced earnings for the third quarter of 2006. 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 page 12 of Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

99.1 Third Quarter 2006 Earnings Release dated October 23, 2006.

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**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: October 23, 2006

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