

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 22, 2016

**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):

March 22, 2016

**UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia                                      No. 001-35095                                      No. 58-180-7304  
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer  
incorporation)                                      Identification No.)

125 Highway 515 East

Blairsville, Georgia 30512

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(706) 781-2265

Not applicable

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

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 22, 2016, United Community Banks, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has authorized a new program to repurchase up to \$50 million of the Company’s outstanding common stock through December 31, 2017.

The shares may be repurchased periodically in open market transactions at prevailing market prices, in privately negotiated transactions, or by other means in accordance with federal securities laws. The program may be suspended or discontinued at any time without notice. The actual timing, number and value of shares repurchased under the program will be determined by the Company’s management at its discretion and will depend on a number of factors, including the market price of the Company’s common stock, general market and economic conditions, and applicable legal requirements. Repurchased shares will become treasury shares and may be utilized for general corporate purposes.

A copy of the Company’s press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release, dated March 22, 2016

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**UNITED  
COMMUNITY  
BANKS, INC.**

By: /s/ Rex S. Schuette  
Rex S. Schuette  
Executive Vice  
President and  
Chief Financial  
Officer

Date: March 22, 2016

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