

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 20, 2012

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

No. 001-35095
(Commission File Number)

No. 58-180-7304
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

125 Highway 515 East, P.O. Box 398
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:

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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.

On March 20, 2012, United Community Banks, Inc.'s (the "Registrant") board of directors appointed Steven J. Goldstein, former executive vice president and chief financial officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, and Thomas A. Richlovsky, former executive vice president at PNC Financial Services Group Inc., to serve as directors of the Registrant and also as directors of the Registrant's wholly-owned subsidiary, United Community Bank, effective as of March 21, 2012. Messrs. Goldstein and Ricklovsky have both also been appointed to the Audit, Compensation and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees of the Registrant.

Also on March 20, 2012, the Registrant accepted the retirement of Director Hoyt O. Holloway and Director Emeritus Senator Zell B. Miller effective at the end of their current terms on May 16, 2012. Mr. Holloway and Senator Miller's decisions to retire were not a result of any disagreement between Mr. Holloway or Senator Miller and the Registrant on any matter relating to the Registrant's operations, policies or practices.

The text of the Registrant's press release related to this announcement is set forth as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated March 21, 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.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

By: /s/ Rex S. Schuette

Rex S. Schuette
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 21, 2012

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For Immediate Release

March 21, 2012

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UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. APPOINTS TWO DIRECTORS

BLAIRSVILLE, GA, March 21, 2012 – United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) ("United") today announced that its Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointments of Steven J. Goldstein and Thomas A. Richlovsky to its Board of Directors and to the Board of Directors of its subsidiary, United Community Bank.

"We are delighted to have Steve and Tom join our Board of Directors," said Jimmy Tallent, United's president and chief executive officer. "Both will provide valuable perspectives with their extensive executive-level financial institution experience and their in-depth knowledge of accounting, finance, treasury, enterprise risk management, and regulatory matters."

Mr. Goldstein was executive vice president and chief financial officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta from 2007 to 2011. His responsibilities included financial and regulatory reporting, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, accounting operations, oversight of financial modeling, and enterprise risk management. Mr. Goldstein was senior vice president and chief financial officer of Royal Bank of Canada's U.S. and International divisions from 2001 to 2006 following its acquisition of Centura Banks, Inc. in 2001, where Mr. Goldstein was chief financial officer from 1997 to 2001. For the previous 15 years, Mr. Goldstein held several senior management roles with financial services consulting firms and served as a buy-side analyst and as deputy director of the Office of Public and Economic Research at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D.C. He began his career as assistant professor of finance at the University of South Carolina after earning bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees from the University of Georgia.

Mr. Richlovsky was executive vice president at PNC Financial Services Group Inc. from 2009 to 2011, following PNC's acquisition of National City Corporation in December 2008. While at PNC, he assisted with the integration of National City's financial functions as well as led or co-led several areas within the PNC finance group. Mr. Richlovsky was chief financial officer, treasurer and principal accounting officer of National City at the time of its acquisition by PNC. During his 30-year tenure with National City, he gained extensive financial, accounting, and treasury expertise and earned progressively greater responsibilities. He began his career in 1973 as an auditor with Ernst & Ernst, a predecessor firm of Ernst & Young LLP, and received his bachelors degree from Cleveland State University. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

The United Board also accepted the retirement of Director Hoyt O. Holloway and Director Emeritus Senator Zell B. Miller effective at the end of their terms on May 16, 2012. "Hoyt and Zell have been key members of the United family," commented Tallent. "Having served with a great deal of enthusiasm and integrity, they will be greatly missed both personally and professionally."

About United Community Banks, Inc.

Headquartered in Blairsville, United Community Banks is the third-largest bank holding company in Georgia. United Community Banks has assets of \$7.0 billion and operates 27 community banks with 106 banking offices located throughout north Georgia, the Atlanta region, coastal Georgia, western North Carolina and east Tennessee. United specializes in providing personalized community banking services to individuals and small to mid-size businesses and also offers the convenience of 24-hour access through a network of ATMs, telephone and on-line banking. United's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol UCBI. Additional information may be found at United's web site at www.ucbi.com.