

METZ CRAIG  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
METZ CRAIG

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS  
INC [UCBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1200 KOLBE DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/22/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512-4755

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	3,324.88 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock (RSU's)	06/22/2009		A	500 A	\$ 0 2,243 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Shares Issuable					1,926.043 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					12,380.131 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>	I	By 401k

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 6.35	06/22/2009		A	7,000	06/22/2010 06/22/2019	Common Stock	7,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
METZ CRAIG 1200 KOLBE DRIVE BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512-4755			EVP	

## Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of Attorney  
06/24/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects a 131/130 stock dividend in April 2009.
- (2) Includes a reclassification of 321 RSU's that vested to Common Shares Issuable under the United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) 2009 Restricted Stock Units vest over four consecutive years at 25% on June 29, 2010, January 31, 2011, January 31, 2012, and January 31, 2013.

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- (4) Acquired pursuant to The United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (5) Reflects pre-arranged semi-monthly payroll purchases.
- (6) 2009 Non-Qualified Stock Option Awards vest over four consecutive years on each anniversary date.

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