

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
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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 *
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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)
 101 JULIUS CHAMBERS DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/13/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | | A | 470 A \$ 0 | 17,185 | D | |
| Common Stock Issuable | | | | | 6,458 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units) | | | | | 25,772 | D | |
| | | | | | 9,465 ⁽²⁾ | I | By 401k |

Common
Stock

Common
Stock

1,800 ⁽³⁾ I

Andrea
Rafferty/Schuette
(Spouse)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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101 JULIUS CHAMBERS DRIVE
BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512

EVP & CFO

Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of Attorney

01/17/2012

**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) Acquired pursuant to The United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan. The number of shares as quoted are based upon the previous day's market value of \$7.07 per share of UCBI common stock and can fluctuate with the stock price. The units are to be settled

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in United Community Banks common stock at the NAV after termination of employment.

- (2) Subject to a pre-arranged bi-weekly contribution.
- (3) Includes 1,800 shares owned by Mr. Shuette's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.

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