

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
Form 8-K
December 20, 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): December 20, 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:

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

**Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 20, 2016, United Community Banks, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that Rex Schuette, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, will retire in 2017 following the selection of Mr. Schuette’s successor and an appropriate transition period. The Company has commenced its process to identify a successor to Mr. Schuette.

A copy of the press release is filed 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 December 20, 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: December 20, 2016