

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
Form 8-K
April 23, 2009

**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): April 23, 2009

United Community Banks, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

No. 0-21656

No. 58-180-7304

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**63 Highway 515, P.O. Box 398
Blairsville, Georgia**

30512

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operation and Financial Condition

On April 23, 2009, United Community Banks, Inc. (the Registrant) issued a news release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 (the News Release). The News Release, including financial schedules, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. In connection with issuing the News Release, on April 23, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. EST, the Registrant intends to hold a conference call/webcast to discuss the News Release.

The presentation of the Registrant s financial results included operating performance measures, which are measures of performance determined by methods other than in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Management included non-GAAP operating performance measures because it believes it is useful for evaluating the Registrant s operations and performance over periods of time, and uses operating performance measures in managing and evaluating the Registrant s business and intends to use it in discussions about the Registrant s operations and performance. Operating performance measures for the first quarter of 2009 exclude the effects of a \$70 million non-cash goodwill impairment charge and \$2.9 million in non-recurring severance charges related to a reduction in workforce because management feels that the two expense items are non-recurring in nature and do not reflect overall trends in the Registrant s earnings. Management believes these non-GAAP performance measures may provide users of the Registrant s financial information with a meaningful measure for assessing the Registrant s financial results and comparing those financial results to prior periods.

Operating performance measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative or substitute for, the Registrant s performance measures determined in accordance with GAAP, and is not necessarily comparable to non-GAAP performance measures that may be presented by other companies.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial statements: None
- (b) Pro forma financial information: None
- (c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release, dated April 23, 2009

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.

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

April 23, 2009

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated April 23, 2009 |