

UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2009

**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):**

**January 26, 2009**

**United Bankshares, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**West Virginia**

**No. 0-13322**

**55-0641179**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**300 United Center  
500 Virginia Street, East  
Charleston, West Virginia 25301**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**(304) 424-8800**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or 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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 27, 2009, the Company issued a press release to announce that it had declined to participate in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program under the Emergency Stabilization Act of 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | Press Release, dated January 27, 2009, issued by the Company. |

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.

Date: January 27, 2009

By: /s/ Steven E. Wilson  
Steven E. Wilson, Executive Vice  
President, Treasurer, Secretary and Chief  
Financial Officer