

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
Form 8-K
January 28, 2011

**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): January 28, 2011

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.)

**125 Highway 515 East, 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.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operation and Financial Condition

On January 28, 2011, United Community Banks, Inc. (the Registrant) issued a news release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 (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 January 28, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. EST, the Registrant intends to hold a conference call/webcast to discuss the News Release. In addition to the News Release, during the conference call the Registrant intends to discuss certain financial information contained in the December 31, 2010 Investor Presentation (the Investor Presentation) which will be posted to the Registrant's website. The Investor Presentation is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

The presentation of the Registrant's financial results included operating performance measures and core earnings 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 and core earnings measures because it believes they are useful for evaluating the Registrant's operations and performance over periods of time, and uses operating performance and core earnings measures in managing and evaluating the Registrant's business and intends to refer to them in discussions about the Registrant's operations and performance. Operating performance measures for the fourth quarter of 2010 exclude the effects of an \$11.75 million pre-tax partial recovery of a 2007 fraud loss and third quarter 2010 operating performance measures exclude the effects of a \$210.6 million non-cash goodwill impairment charge. Operating performance measures for 2009 exclude the effects of \$25 million and \$70 million, in non-cash goodwill impairment charges in the third and first quarters, respectively, (bringing the total goodwill impairment charge for the year 2009 to \$95 million), \$2.9 million in non-recurring severance charges related to a reduction in workforce recorded in the first quarter and an \$11.4 million gain in the second quarter from the acquisition of Southern Community Bank that resulted from a bargain purchase. These items have been excluded from operating performance measures because management believes that the items are non-recurring in nature and do not reflect overall trends in the Registrant's earnings. Additionally, core earnings measures exclude credit related costs such as the provision for loan losses, the loss from sale of nonperforming assets to Fletcher International in the second quarter of 2010 and foreclosed property expense, securities gains and losses, income taxes and other items of a non-recurring nature. Core earnings are useful in evaluating the underlying earnings performance trends of the Registrant. 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 and core earnings 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 January 28, 2011
99.2	Investor Presentation, Fourth Quarter 2010

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

January 28, 2011