

ADAMS RICHARD M JR  
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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 \*  
ADAMS RICHARD M JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV [UBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
514 MARKET STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/18/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

PARKERSBURG, WV 26101

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 02/18/2009                           | 02/18/2009   | P                              | 50  | \$ 16.65  | I  | By Spouse                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 30,262.26   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,172.1 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | By 401(k)                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 8,174   | I  | Family Trust                      |

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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                    | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock             | 204                        |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 19.19   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/02/2000   | 11/02/2010  | Common Stock             | 355                        |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 27.12   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/01/2001   | 11/01/2011  | Common Stock             | 1,919                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 29.37   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/08/2002   | 11/08/2012  | Common Stock             | 7,428                      |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 30.2  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/06/2003   | 11/06/2013  | Common Stock             | 10,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 37.19   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/03/2005   | 11/03/2015  | Common Stock             | 10,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 27.77   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/01/2007   | 11/01/2017  | Common Stock             | 10,000                     |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 36.71   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/04/2004   | 11/04/2014  | Common Stock             | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| ADAMS RICHARD M JR<br>514 MARKET STREET<br>PARKERSBURG, WV 26101 |               |           | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT |       |

## Signatures

By: Jennie S Singer, Lmted Pwr Atty,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/18/2009

\_\_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) Includes additional shares acquired under the UBSI 401K plan since the date of the reporting person's last 401K ownership report.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) The reporting person's shares of phantom stock arose through his deferral of compensation under the United Bankshares, Inc, Non-qualified Retirement and Savings Plan (the Plan). Shares of phantom stock are exercisable immediately.
- (4) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following the reporting persons termination of employment with UBSI.
- (5) Additional stock acquired in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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