

METZ CRAIG
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FORM 4

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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 *
METZ CRAIG

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS
INC [UCBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1200 KOLBE DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/05/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512-4755
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					3,149	D	
Common Stock (RSU's)	05/05/2008		A	1,250 (1)	A \$ 0 2,750 (2)	D	
Common Shares Issuable					547.075 (2)	D	
Common Stock					7,360.77	I	By 401k

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 13.79	05/05/2008		A	7,500	05/05/2009 ⁽³⁾ 05/05/2018	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
METZ CRAIG 1200 KOLBE DRIVE BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512-4755			EVP	

Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of Attorney 05/07/2008

**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) 2008 Restricted Stock Units vest over four consecutive years at 25% on May 20, 2009, January 31, 2010, January 31, 2011, and January 31, 2012.
- (2) Includes a reclassification of 500 RSU's that vested on May 31, 2007 and January 31, 2008 at 250 shares each, reclassified to Common Shares Issuable under the United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) 2008 Stock Option Grants vest over four consecutive years at 25% each anniversary date.

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