

METZ CRAIG  
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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 \*  
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)  
02/12/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					3,299.5 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock (RSU's)					2,032 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Shares Issuable					1,452.8 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub>	D	
Common Stock					9,764.8 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401k

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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)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned...

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry: METZ CRAIG, 1200 KOLBE DRIVE, BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512-4755, EVP.

Signatures

Lois J. Rich by Power of Attorney, 02/13/2009. 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) Reflects 131/130 stock dividends in October 2008 and January 2009.
(2) Includes a reclassification of 762 RSU's that vested to Common Shares Issuable under the United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan.
(3) Acquired pursuant to The United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan.

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