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## United Community Banks, Inc. Increases Quarterly Cash Dividend

BLAIRSVILLE, Ga., Aug. 13, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ:UCBI), reported that its Board of Directors increased its regular quarterly cash dividend from five to six cents per common share. The dividend is payable October 1, 2015, to shareholders of record on September 15, 2015.

"The quarterly cash dividend represents a payout ratio of 19 percent based on recently reported second quarter's operating earnings," stated Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Jimmy Tallent. "This increase reflects our strong performance and the hard work and dedication of an exceptional team of bankers who continue to effectively execute our strategy."

About United Community Banks, Inc.

United Community Banks, Inc. (UCBI) is a bank holding company based in Blairsville, Georgia, with \$8.2 billion in assets. The company's banking subsidiary, United Community Bank, is one of the Southeast's largest full-service banks, operating 114 offices in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The bank specializes in personalized community banking services for individuals, small businesses and corporations. United Community Bank offers a full range of consumer and commercial banking services including mortgage, advisory, treasury management and other products. In 2014 and 2015, United Community Bank was ranked first in customer satisfaction in the southeast by J.D. Power and in 2015 was ranked fourteenth on the Forbes list of America's Best Banks. Additional information about the company and the bank's full range of products and services can be found at <a href="https://www.ucbi.com">www.ucbi.com</a>.

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