FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GILBERT BILL M | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC UCBI] | | | | | | | | | | olicable) ctor er (give title | 10% (Other | Owner (specify | |
|---|---|--------------|--|----------|----------------------|---|--|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PO BOX 398 | | | | | | 01/2 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2019 | | | | | | | | | | ident, Com | below munity Bank | ing | |
| (Street) BLAIRSVILLE GA 30514 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If <i>i</i> | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv Line) X | Form | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (Oily) | | (Otat | <u> </u> | | on-Deriv | ative | Secu | uritie | s Ac | auired | l. Dis | sposed o | f. or B | enefic | ially | Owne | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | | | | | tion | ion 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | .] | 5. Amount of | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | • | Transa | action(s) 3 and 4) | | (instr. 4) | | | | | | |
| Common Stock 01/29/20 | | | | | | |)19 | | | S | | 4,246 | D | \$26 | .17(1) | 57 | ⁷ ,761 ⁽²⁾ | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 186 | | I | Joanna R. Gilbert (Spouse) | |
| | | | Та | ble II - | Derivat (e.g., pu | ive Se uts, ca | ecuri alls, v | ties <i>i</i> warra | Acqu ants, | ired, [optio | Dispo | osed of, convertib | or Ben le sec | eficia urities | lly Ov | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | on l se (| 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 6. Date Expirati (Month/ | ion Da | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | Deri Seci (Inst | vative urity r. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$26.17 to \$26.20, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.

2. Includes Restricted Stock Units and shares of United Community Banks, Inc. common stock issuable under its Deferred Compensation Plan.

Remarks:

JoAnn Bailey, as Attorney in Fact

01/30/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CONSTITUTES AND APPOINTS (A) REBECCA J. KEITH; (B) JOANN BAILEY; (C) LORI MCKAY; AND (D) BRADLEY J. MILLER, SIGNING SINGLY, THE UNDERSIGNED'S TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT TO:

- (1) Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall

lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE UNDERSIGNED HAS CAUSED THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY
TO BE EXECUTED AS OF THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018.

/s/ Bill M. Gilbert Signature

Bill M. Gilbert

Print Name