Registration No. 333-130489 Registration No. 333-167186

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 to: Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-130489 Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-167186

# **UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

## **UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

58-1807304

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**125 Highway 515 East Blairsville, Georgia 30512** (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

United Community Banks, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Full title of the plan)

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Melinda Davis Lux General Counsel and Corporate Secretary United Community Banks, Inc. 2 West Washington Street, Suite 700 Greenville, South Carolina 29601 (Name and address of agent for service)

(864) 241-8736 (Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer  $\times$ 

Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

## DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

This Post-Effective Amendment No.1 relates to the following Registration Statements on Form S-8 (collectively, the "<u>Registration Statements</u>") of United Community Banks, Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "<u>Registrant</u>") with respect to the United Community Banks, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>"):

- File No. 333-130489, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") on December 20, 2005, registering 250,000 shares of the Registrant's common stock, \$1.00 par value (the "<u>Common Stock</u>") to be offered or sold pursuant to the Plan; and
- File No. 333-167186, filed with the Commission on May 28, 2010, registering 250,000 shares of Common Stock to be offered or sold pursuant to the Plan.

As reflected herein, the registered Common Stock amounts noted above have not been adjusted for the Registrant's historical stock splits and stock dividends.

The Registrant hereby terminates any and all offerings of its securities pursuant to the Registration Statements and deregisters any and all securities registered but unsold under the Registration Statements, if any, in accordance with an undertaking made by the Registrant in the Registration Statements to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any of the securities that had been registered for issuance that remain unsold at the termination of the offering. The Registration Statements are hereby amended, as appropriate, to reflect the deregistration of such securities.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No.1 to the Registration Statements to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Greenville, State of South Carolina, on March 22, 2021. No other person is required to sign this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statements in reliance upon Rule 478 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

## UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

Bv:	/s/	Melinda	Davis	Lux
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Name: Melinda Davis Lux Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary