UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 5, 2020

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

	Georgia	001-35095	58-1807304	
((State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)	
		125 Highway 515 East Blairsville, Georgia 30512 (Address of principal executive offices)		
	R	legistrant's telephone number, including area (706) 781-2265	code:	
	(Form	Not applicable er name or former address, if changed since l	ast report)	
	the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing ng provisions:	is intended to simultaneously satisfy the	filing obligation of the registrant under any of the	
	☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)			
	☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)			
	☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))			
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))			
Securit	ies registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Ad	ct:		
	Title of Each Class	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered	
	Common stock, par value \$1 per share	UCBI	Nasdaq Global Select Market	
Depos	itary shares, each representing 1/1,000th interest in a s Series I Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock	share of UCBIO	Nasdaq Global Select Market	
	e by check mark whether the registrant is an eme chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchang		lefined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 r).	
Emergi	ng growth company \square			
	nerging growth company, indicate by check mar sed financial accounting standards provided purst		the extended transition period for complying with any new t. \square	

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective August 5, 2020, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company") appointed James P. Clements to serve as a Board member until the Company's next annual meeting of shareholders. The Board increased the size of the Board from 10 to 11 directors and appointed Mr. Clements as a director to fill the vacancy created by the increase. Mr. Clements was also appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company's wholly-owned banking subsidiary, United Community Bank.

The Board has not yet determined the committees to which Mr. Clements will be appointed, if any. Mr. Clements will participate in the current director compensation arrangements generally applicable to the Company's non-employee directors as described in the Company's Proxy Statement filed in connection with the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Clements and other persons pursuant to which he was selected as a director. Mr. Clements has not engaged in any transaction with the Company or the Bank that would be reportable as a related party transaction under Item 404(a) of Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K.

Mr. Clements is currently the President of Clemson University and has served in that role since 2013. Prior to his arrival at Clemson University, Mr. Clements served as the President of West Virginia University for nearly five years.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits The following exhibit index lists the exhibits that are either filed or furnished with the Current Report on Form 8-K.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
104	The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

By: /s/ Melinda Davis Lux

Melinda Davis Lux

Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary

Date: August 6, 2020