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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).		r Form 5 nue. <i>See</i>
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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			or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940			
1. Name and Addres <u>SCHUETTE</u>	s of Reporting Person <u>REX S</u>	*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC UCBI		ionship of Reporting Persor all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)
(Last) 101 JULIUS CH	(First) AMBERS DRIVE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/14/2011		EVP & CFO	,
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi Line)	dual or Joint/Group Filing (C	Check Applicable
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 Code (Instr. and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/14/2011		A		427	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	14,377	D	
Common Stock Issuable								6,457(1)	D	
Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units)								25,772	D	
Common Stock								8,822 ⁽²⁾	Ι	By 401k
Common Stock								1,800 ⁽³⁾	I	Andrea Rafferty/Schuette (Spouse)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	ative rities ired osed . 3, 4	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	7. Title Amour Securi Under Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Acquired pursuant to The United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan. The number of shares as quoted are based upon the previous day's market value of \$7.34 per share of UCBI common stock and can fluctuate with the stock price. The units are to be settled in United Community Banks common stock at the NAV after termination of employment.

2. Subject to a pre-arranged bi-weekly contribution.

3. Includes 1,800 shares owned by Mr. Shuette's spouse for which he claims beneficial ownership.

Remarks:

Lois J. Rich by Power of

<u>Attorney</u>

10/18/2011

** 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.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CONSTITUTES AND APPOINTS (A) REX S. SCHUETTE; (B) LOIS J. RICH; AND (C) LORRAINE G. MCKAY, SIGN-ING 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 16TH DAY OF APRIL 2009.

/s/ Rex S. Schuette

Signature

Rex S. Schuette

Print Name