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UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.
    SUPPLEMENT
    dated April 1, }199
            to
            PROSPECTUS
    dated March 7, 1997
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300, 000 Shares of Common Stock
\$1 par value per Share
$\$ 22$ per Share

This Supplement has been prepared solely for use in conjunction with the Prospectus dated March 7, 1997 (the "Prospectus") pursuant to which an aggregate of 250,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Shares") were offered by United Community Banks, Inc. ("United") at \$22.00 per share. United has increased the number of shares offered by United by 50,000 shares from 250,000 to 300,000 shares at the same offering price of $\$ 22.00$ per share. This Supplement highlights certain sections of the March 7, 1997 Prospectus which are affected by the increase in the number of shares being sold. The price per share and all other aspects of the Offering including the use of proceeds remain the same. The sale of an additional 50,000 shares will increase the proceeds to United by $\$ 1,100,000$. After the Offering, 6,937,248 shares will be deemed outstanding (including shares underlying the prime plus 1/4\% Convertible Subordinated Payable-in-Kind Debentures due December 31, 2006 and presently exercisable options to acquire 58,400 shares). The net proceeds from the sale of the shares of Common Stock will be $\$ 6,400,000$, after the deduction of estimated offering expenses payable by United. Set forth below is a table containing revised summary consolidated financial information and a revised capitalization table:

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United Community Banks, Inc.
Summary Consolidated Financial Information
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)


Pro Forma Consolidated As Adjusted

|  | As of December 31, |  |  |  |  | Sept. 30, Sept. 30, Dec. 31, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1996 | 1995 |
| Statement of Earnings Data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest income . | \$9,322 | \$11, 131 | \$14,516 | \$18, 217 | 22,919 | 22,632 | 22,802 | 23,147 |
| Provision for loan losses | 834 | 472 | 842 | 935 | 1, 040 | 915 | 915 | 1, 040 |
| Noninterest income . | 1,551 | 2,157 | 3,700 | 3,762 | 4,264 | 3,740 | 3,740 | 4,264 |
| Noninterest expense | 7,377 | 8,635 | 11,705 | 13,902 | 17,854 | 16,803 | 16,803 | 17,854 |
| Net earnings . . . . . | 2,082 | 3,126 | 4,202 | 5,200 | 6, 051 | 5,724 | 5,836 | 6,201 |
| Per Share Data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Book value (period end) | 3.29 | 3.81 | 4.55 | 5.41 | 7.03 | 7.79 | 8.35 | 7.65 |
| Net earnings . . . . | 0.38 | 0.57 | 0.76 | 0.93 | 1.04 | 0.91 | 0.87 | 0.99 |
| Weighted average outstanding shares | 5,454, 040 | 5,492.435 | 5,545,110 | 5,589,365 | 5,813,615 | 6,260,280 | 6,738,848 | 6,292,183 |
| Dividends . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 |

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$1.16 \%$
$18.12 \%$
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Represents stockholders' equity divided by the number of outstanding shares at period end.
Represents net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.
Gives effect to the application of the net proceeds of the Offering, issuance of the 2006 Debentures and conversion of the 2000 Debentures as of December 31, 1996. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Financial Information for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 1996 - Developments Since September 30, 1996.

The following table sets forth the consolidated capitalization of United at September 30, 1996, and as adjusted at that date to give effect to the sale by United of the 2006 Debentures, conversion of the 2000 Debentures and the sale of 300,000 shares of Common Stock and the application of the estimated net proceeds therefrom as described in "USE OF PROCEEDS" and as further adjusted to give effect to the application of the net proceeds of the Offering. This table should be reviewed in conjunction with the United's Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Prospectus.

|  | September 30, 1996 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Actual | As Adjusted |
| (\$ in thousands) |  |  |
| Long-Term Debt | \$10,736 | \$10,736 |
| Convertible Subordinated Debentures | 1,000 | 3,500 |
| Stockholders' Equity: |  |  |
| Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding |  |  |
| Common Stock, $\$ 1.00$ par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized, 6,260,280 shares issued and outstanding, 6,738,848 shares issued and outstanding, as adjusted | 6,260 | 6,739 |
| Capital surplus . . | 14,520 | 21,541 |
| Retained earnings . | 28,471 | 28,471 |
| Unrealized losses on securities available for sale | (485) | (485) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 48,766 | 56,266 |
| Total capitalization | 60,502 | 70,502 |

Gives effect to the application of the net proceeds of the Offering, proceeds from issuance of 2006 Debentures and conversion of the 2000 Debentures as of December 31, 1996. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Financial Information for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 1996 - Developments Since September 30, 1996.

