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): May 14, 2021

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

58-1807304 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

125 Highway 515 East Blairsville, Georgia 30512 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (706) 781-2265

Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

| | the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intending provisions: | ed to simultaneously satisfy t | he filing obligation of the registrant under any of the |
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| | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | | |
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| | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) | | |
| Securi | ties registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: | | |
| Depos | <u>Title of Each Class</u> Common stock, par value \$1 per share itary shares, each representing 1/1,000th interest in a share of Series I Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock | Trading Symbol(s) UCBI UCBIO | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered Nasdaq Global Select Market Nasdaq Global Select Market |
| of this | e by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging grochapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of ing growth company | | s defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) oter). |
| | merging growth company, indicate by check mark if the r sed financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Se | | se the extended transition period for complying with any new Act. \square |
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 14, 2021 United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company") irrevocably deposited with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee under that certain Indenture, dated August 14, 2015 (the "Original Indenture"), as supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 14, 2015 (the Second Supplemental Indenture), \$50,490,310.33 relating to the Company's 5.00% Senior Fixed to Floating Rate Notes due February 14, 2022 (the "Notes"), an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Notes, together with irrevocable instructions from the Company directing the trustee to apply such funds to the payment thereof upon redemption of the Notes on May 14, 2021. The Second Supplemental Indenture has been discharged and has ceased to be of further effect (except as to certain expressly surviving rights) as to all outstanding Notes, and the obligations of the Company under the Second Supplemental Indenture are fully discharged and satisfied as to the Notes and the Notes are no longer deemed to be outstanding under the Original Indenture or the Second Supplemental Indenture.

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/ Jefferson L. Harralson

Name: Jefferson L. Harralson

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 14, 2021