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United Community Banks, Inc. Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend

BLAIRSVILLE, Ga., Feb. 12, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- United Community Banks, Inc. (Nasdaq:UCBI), reported that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of five cents per common share. The dividend is payable April 1, 2015, to shareholders of record on March 15, 2015.

"The quarterly cash dividend represents a payout ratio of 17 percent based on our most recently reported quarterly earnings," stated Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Jimmy Tallent. "This dividend reflects our commitment to sustaining a long-term payout ratio within an appropriate range that rewards our shareholders while leveraging our growth objectives."

About United Community Banks, Inc.

United Community Banks, Inc. is a bank holding company based in Blairsville, Georgia, with \$7.6 billion in assets. The company's banking subsidiary, United Community Bank, is one of the Southeast's largest full-service banks, operating 103 offices in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The bank specializes in personalized community banking services for individuals, small businesses and corporations. A full range of consumer and commercial banking services includes mortgage, advisory, treasury management and other products. In 2014, United Community Bank was ranked first in customer satisfaction in the southeast by J.D. Power and in 2015 was ranked fourteen on the *Forbes* list of America's Best Banks. Additional information about the company and the bank's full range of products and services can be found at www.ucbi.com.

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