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**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 12, 2021

**UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-35095  
(Commission file number)

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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u>
Common stock, par value \$1 per share	UCBI	Nasdaq Global Select Market
Depository shares, each representing 1/1,000th interest in a share of Series I Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock	UCBIO	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

On August 12, 2021, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of United Community Banks, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Jennifer Mumby Bazante, effective September 1, 2021, to serve as a Board member until the Company’s next annual meeting of shareholders. The Board increased the size of the Board from 11 to 12 directors and appointed Ms. Bazante as a director to fill the vacancy created by the increase.

Ms. Bazante 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 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Bazante and other persons pursuant to which she was selected as a director. The Board’s Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee determined Ms. Bazante to be independent for purposes of Nasdaq listing standards. Ms. Bazante 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.

Ms. Bazante is the Chief Marketing and Communications Officer for Humana, Inc., by whom she has been employed since 2014.

**Item 7.01**      **Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Item 5.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Company’s news release announcing the appointment of Ms. Bazante is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**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**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#"><u>99</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>News release dated August 16, 2021 (furnished only).</u></a>
104	The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL.

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**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  
Name: Melinda Davis Lux  
Title: General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Date: August 16, 2021

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**United Community Banks, Inc. Names Jennifer Bazante to Board of Directors**

**GREENVILLE, S.C. – August 16, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE)** – United Community Banks, Inc. announced today that its Board of Directors has appointed Jennifer Bazante, Chief Marketing Officer of Humana, to its Board of Directors.

Bazante joined Humana in 2014 and was named Chief Marketing Officer in 2019. She is an accomplished global marketing executive with more than 25 years of experience leading world-class marketing organizations. At Humana, she leads a team of more than 500 associates responsible for all enterprise and segment marketing, driving branding, acquisition, engagement and retention. As CMO, her team is championing the brand and customer experience strategy to move beyond health insurance and become a company focused on improving the healthcare experience and delivering better health outcomes for customers.

“Jennifer is a strategic thinker who has achieved meaningful results for some very strong brands through her marketing expertise,” said Lynn Harton, Chairman and CEO of United Community Banks, Inc. “Her insights into customer experience and digital transformation will be particularly helpful to our team as our business continues to evolve. I am also excited to have her guidance on branding as we continue to build our brand in some of the fastest-growing markets in the Southeast.”

“Jennifer brings a fresh perspective and important skillset to our board,” added Thomas A. Richlovsky, Lead Director of the Board. “As United has grown and prospered, we have endeavored to attract and recruit board talent to assure effective ongoing oversight of the Bank’s strategy and performance. Jennifer’s extensive marketing background is an excellent complement to our board’s existing capabilities.”

Prior to Humana, Bazante held several roles with Visa, Inc., including Head of Merchant Marketing and Head of Global Brand and Product Marketing. She has also held marketing roles with Visa International and Colgate-Palmolive Company. Bazante received her master’s in business administration from the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina and a bachelor’s degree from Florida State University. She is fluent in Spanish.

“The culture of United Community Bank provides a very strong foundation for future growth, and I’m excited about the possibilities for this brand. I look forward to working with the Board and the Bank’s executive team to support their strategic priorities,” added Bazante.

**About United Community Banks, Inc.**

United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQGS: UCBI) provides a full range of banking, wealth management and mortgage services for relationship-oriented consumers and business owners. The company, known as “The Bank That SERVICE Built,” has been recognized nationally for delivering award-winning service. United has \$18.9 billion in assets and 162 offices in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee along with a national SBA lending franchise and a national equipment lending subsidiary. In 2021, J.D. Power ranked United highest in customer satisfaction with retail banking in the Southeast, marking seven out of the last eight years United earned the coveted award. United was also named one of the “Best Banks to Work For” by American Banker in 2020 for the fourth year in a row based on

employee satisfaction. Forbes included United in its inaugural list of the World's Best Banks in 2019 and again in 2020. Forbes also recognized United on its 2021 list of the 100 Best Banks in America for the eighth consecutive year. United also received five Greenwich Excellence Awards in 2020 for excellence in Small Business Banking, including a national award for Overall Satisfaction. Additional information about United can be found at [www.uci.com](http://www.uci.com).