# 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): November 5, 2020

# UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Georgia</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) <u>No. 001-35095</u> (Commission File Number) No. 58-1807304 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

125 Highway 515 East <u>Blairsville, Georgia 30512</u> (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:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common stock, par value \$1 per share	UCBI	Nasdaq Global Select Market
Depositary shares, each representing 1/1,000 <sup>th</sup> 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 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  $\Box$ 

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.

### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 5, 2020 United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program, authorizing the repurchase of up to \$50.0 million of its outstanding common stock from time to time on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

The stock repurchase program may be modified, suspended or discontinued at any time and does not commit the Company to repurchase shares of its common stock. The actual number and value of the shares to be purchased will depend on the performance of the Company's stock price and other market conditions.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing these matters is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

### 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 No. Description

- 99.1 United Community Banks, Inc. Press Release, dated November 5, 2020.
- 104 The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL.

### 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

Jefferson L. Harralson Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 5, 2020



### For Immediate Release

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### UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDENDS ON COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK AND SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

GREENVILLE, SC, November 5, 2020 – United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) ("United"), reported that its Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.18 per share on the Company's common stock. The dividend is payable January 5, 2021 to shareholders of record as of December 15, 2020.

The Board of Directors also approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$429.6875 per share (equivalent to \$0.4296875 per depositary share or 1/1000th interest per share) on the Company's 6.875% Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series I (NASDAQ: UCBIO). The dividend is payable December 15, 2020 to shareholders of record on November 30, 2020.

In addition, the Board of Directors authorized an increase in the Company's share repurchase program to \$50 million of its outstanding common shares and extended the expiration of the authorization to December 31, 2021. The shares may be repurchased periodically in open market transactions at prevailing market prices, in privately negotiated transactions, or by other means in accordance with federal securities laws, and the program may be modified, suspended or discontinued at any time without notice. The actual timing, number and value of shares repurchased under the program will be determined by management at its discretion and will depend on a number of factors, including the market price of United's stock, general market and economic conditions, and applicable legal requirements.

#### About United Community Banks, Inc.

United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ: UCBI) (United) is a bank holding company headquartered in Blairsville, Georgia, with executive offices in Greenville, South Carolina. United is one of the largest full-service financial institutions in the Southeast, with \$17.2 billion in assets, and 163 offices in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. United Community Bank, United's wholly-owned bank subsidiary, specializes in personalized community banking services for individuals, small businesses and companies throughout its geographic footprint, including Florida under the brand Seaside Bank and Trust. Services include a full range of consumer and commercial banking products, including mortgage, advisory, treasury management, and wealth management. Respected national research firms consistently recognize United for outstanding customer service. In 2020, J.D. Power ranked United highest in customer satisfaction with retail banking in the Southeast, marking six out of the last seven years United earned the coveted award. United was also named "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 2020 list of the 100 Best Banks in America for the seventh consecutive year. United also received five Greenwich Excellence Awards in 2019 for excellence in Small Business Banking and Middle Market Banking, including a national award for Overall Satisfaction in Small Business Banking. Additional information about United can be found at www.ucbi.com.