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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): February 12, 2016

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia No. 001-35095 No. 58-180-7304 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer incorporation) 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)

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

United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company") has announced that Steven J. Goldstein has retired from the board of directors (the "Board") of the Company and its banking subsidiary, United Community Bank ("UCB"), for health reasons, effective March 1, 2016.

Kenneth L. Daniels has replaced Mr. Goldstein as chairman of the risk committees of the Company and UCB. The Company has reduced the number of seats on the Board from ten to nine and will not replace Mr. Goldstein's seat as a result. A copy of the press release issued on February 12, 2016 announcing the resignation of Mr. Goldstein is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated February 12, 2016

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, 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/ Rex S. Schuette
Rex S. Schuette
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 27, 2016