

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Shearrow David P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC., PO BOX 398

(Street)

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC [UCBI]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 EVP, CCO (Retired 1/31/15)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|----------|--|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | Price | | | |
| Common Shares Issuable | 10/01/2014 | ^ | A | 63 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 16.78 | 34,569 | D | ^ |
| Common Shares Issuable | 12/29/2014 | ^ | A | 1 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 19.28 | 34,569 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 24,085 | D | ^ |

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|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|---|---|
| Common Stock (RSUs) | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 18,348 | D | Â |
| Common Stock (PSUs) | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 42,812 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 151.15 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) | Â (2) 04/16/2017 | Common Stock | 4,150 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options | \$ 66.4 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) | Â (3) 05/05/2018 | Common Stock | 4,150 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Shearrow David P C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PO BOX 398 BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514 | Â | Â | Â | EVP, CCO (Retired 1/31/15) Â |

Signatures

Lois J. Rich 02/17/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents acquisition of Phantom Stock pursuant to the United Community Banks Deferred Compensation Plan. Phantom Stock is to be settled in shares of Common Stock, on a one-for-one basis, following the Reporting Person's termination of services.
- (2) This option became exercisable to the extent of 25% of the shares optioned after one year from the date of grant (4/16/07), and 25% on each of the subsequent three anniversary dates thereafter.
- (3) This option became exercisable to the extent of 25% of the shares optioned after one year from the date of grant (05/05/08), and 25% on each of the subsequent three anniversary dates thereafter.

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