

UNION BANKSHARES INC

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AT OR FOR THE YEARS  
ENDED DECEMBER 31

		2017	2016	2015	2014		
		(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)					
<p>We are pleased to invite you to our 127th Annual meeting to be held at 116 Vermont Route 15 West, Morrisville Vermont in the Charlmont Restaurant meeting room on May 16, 2018 at 3:00pm. We hope you will join us for the meeting as well as a reception immediately following. We always enjoy visiting with our long time shareholders as well as meeting newer ones. Included with this "year in review" are the Proxy for the annual meeting as well as our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended 2017. The Proxy and 10-K provide detailed financial information about your company. For those so inclined we direct your attention to the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section of the 10-K. Though pretty dense, this section really outlines our financial story and provides context to the absolute numbers we present. Highlights of the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to year ended December 31, 2016 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net income before taxes increased \$943 thousand, or 8.5%, to \$12.1 million.</li> <li>• Net interest income increased \$2.0 million, or 8.0% to \$26.8 million.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net loan charge-offs were \$39 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2017.</li> <li>• Nonperforming loans were 0.28% of total loans.</li> </ul> <p>Overall, the directors and management are pleased with our 2017 financial performance. We hope our shareholders are as well. We are working on several projects in 2018 that are intended to help your company continue to grow in a profitable manner, and to enhance our customer's experience accessing our services. An exciting example of this is our transition to a new digital and mobile banking platform. On March 13, 2018 we converted from our existing digital/mobile product to a new platform with many more features and functions, as well as better ease of use. As with any major conversion, there has been a significant amount of work on planning and preparing for this conversion. Our staff have been at it for over six months and have done a terrific job getting us to this point. Hopefully by the time you read this the conversion will be completed and most of the kinks worked out of the</p>	Balance Sheet Data					
	Total assets	\$745,831	\$691,381	\$628,879	\$624,063		
	Investment securities	66,439	66,555	59,327	52,964		
	Loans and loans held for sale	594,562	541,093	506,141	490,721		
	Allowance for loan losses	(5,408)	(5,247)	(5,201)	(4,694)		
	Deposits	647,574	597,660	560,408	552,064		
	Borrowed funds	31,581	31,595	9,564	15,118		
	Stockholders' equity <sup>1</sup>	58,661	56,279	53,568	51,434		
			Income Statement Data				
			Total interest and dividend income	\$29,017	\$26,836	\$25,144	\$24,852
			Total interest expense	(2,255)	(2,061)	(2,025)	(2,155)
			Net interest and dividend income	26,762	24,775	23,119	22,697
			Provision for loan losses	(200)	(150)	(550)	(345)
			Noninterest income	9,395	10,140	9,792	8,909
			Noninterest expenses	(23,905)	(23,656)	(21,820)	(20,794)
			Income before provision for income taxes	12,052	11,109	10,541	10,467
			Provision for income taxes	(3,603)	(2,598)	(2,663)	(2,773)
			Net income	\$8,449	\$8,511	\$7,878	\$7,694

new product.

• Net income for 2017 was \$8.4 million, or \$1.89 per share, compared to Net Income for 2016 of \$8.5 million, or \$1.91 per share, a slight decrease. This slight decrease in net income was caused by an increase in Federal Income Taxes caused by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act being signed into law on December 22, 2017.

• Return on average common equity of 14.53% and return on average assets of 1.21%.

• Book value per common share increased 4.4% to \$13.17 as of December 31, 2017.

• Total shareholders' equity increased 4.5% to \$58.8 million compared to December 31, 2016.

• Total Loans increased \$53.6 million, or 9.9% to \$595.4 million.

• Total Deposits increased \$49.9 million, or 8.4% to \$647.6 million.

We would like to remind you of two shareholder services you may want to take advantage of. The first is our Dividend Reinvestment Program. With this program you may elect to have some or all of your dividends reinvested to buy additional shares of Union Bankshares, Inc. You may also elect to buy additional shares through this program, avoiding brokerage fees. Second, you have the option of setting up a direct deposit of your dividend, avoiding having to wait for a check to arrive in the mail. Please contact Kristy Adams Alfieri at 802.888.0982 or [kadamsalfieri@unionbankvt.com](mailto:kadamsalfieri@unionbankvt.com) if you would like additional information regarding these services.

		Per Common Share Data			
Net income <sup>2</sup>	\$1.89	\$1.91	\$1.77	\$1.73	
Cash dividends paid	1.16	1.11	1.08	1.04	
Book value <sup>1</sup>	13.14	12.61	12.02	11.54	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	4,462,192	4,459,001	4,458,037	4,458,393	
Number of shares outstanding	4,465,576	4,462,135	4,457,177	4,458,430	

<sup>1</sup>Stockholders' equity includes unrealized gains or losses, net of applicable income taxes, on investment securities classified as "available-for-sale" and includes the unfunded liability for pension benefits, net of taxes for the defined benefit pension plan.

<sup>2</sup>Computed using the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period.

Kenneth D. Gibbons  
Chairman

David S. Silverman  
President & CEO

Market for Union Bankshares Common Stock

On March 12, 2018, there were 4,465,647 shares of common stock outstanding held by 527 stockholders of record. The number of stockholders does not reflect the number of beneficial owners, including persons or entities who may hold the stock in nominee or “street name.” Union Bankshares’ common

stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market trading under the symbol UNB. For shareholder assistance please contact Kristy Adams Alfieri at 802.888.0982 or our Transfer Agent, Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc., at 866.321.8022.

Stock Performance Graph

The following graph illustrates the annual percentage change in the cumulative total shareholder return of the Company’s common stock for the period of December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2017. For purposes of comparison, the graph illustrates comparable shareholder returns of

the SNL Bank \$500M-\$1B Index and the NASDAQ Composite Index. The graph assumes a \$100 investment on December 31, 2012 in each case and measures the amount by which the market value, assuming reinvestment of dividends, has changed during the five year period ended December 31, 2017.

UNION BANKSHARES COMMON STOCK

2017			2016		
HIGH	LOW	DIVIDENDS	HIGH	LOW	DIVIDENDS
First Quarter					
\$45.55	\$40.25	\$0.29	\$29.10	\$27.06	\$0.27
Second Quarter					
\$48.70	\$39.75	\$0.29	\$37.18	\$28.26	\$0.28
Third Quarter					

TOTAL RETURN PERFORMANCE

\$49.95	\$41.00	\$0.29	\$36.92	\$33.69	\$0.28
Fourth Quarter			Fourth Quarter		
\$55.00	\$45.70	\$0.29	\$48.80	\$32.75	\$0.28

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New Digital Banking Service liquidity, we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our customers and communities that we serve. Recently, Union Bank launched an exciting new online and mobile banking service to offer customers increased security, an enhanced interface and added functionality. In addition to traditional features such as viewing balances, transferring funds and depositing checks, customers can now:

- Pay others using our new Person-to-Person payments.
- Move money to or from accounts at other banks.
- Aggregate accounts to

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 Dawn D. Bugbee  
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 Jeffrey G. Coslett - Vice President

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 Melissa A. Greene - Vice President  
 Paul E. Grogan - Facilities Officer  
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 Randy L. Hannett - Information Technology Officer

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Municipal community  
Team lending  
continues to activities. In  
help drive 2017, our  
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good asset \$49.9 Million  
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VERMONT

Barre	Loan Center	
	14 North Main Street	802.476.0062
Danville	421 Route 2 East	802.684.2211
Fairfax	9 Ramsey Road	802.849.2600
Hardwick	103 VT Route 15 West	802.472.8100
Jeffersonville	5062 VT Route15	802.644.6600
Johnson	198 Lower Main Street	802.635.6600
Lyndonville	183 Depot Street	802.626.3100
Newport	Loan Center	
	325 East Main Street	802.334.0750
Morrisville	20 Lower Main Street	802.888.6600
	65 Northgate Plaza	802.888.6860
St. Albans	15 Mapleville Depot	802.524.9000
St. Johnsbury	364 Railroad Street	802.748.3131
	325 Portland Street	802.748.3121
S. Burlington	Loan Center	
	30 Kimball Avenue	802.865.1000
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Groveton	3 State Street	603.636.1611
Lincoln	135 Main Street	603.745.4000
Littleton	263 Dells Road	603.444.7136
	76 Main Street	603.444.5321
N. Woodstock	155 Main Street	603.745.2488

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