

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 HARTON H LYNN

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 PRESIDENT & COO

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | 09/13/2014 | Â | F4 | (A) or (D) Price 5,441 (1) D \$ 18.31 | 51,413 (2) | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2014 | Â | F4 | (A) or (D) Price 19,199 (1) D \$ 18.31 | 51,413 (2) | D | Â |
| Common Shares Issuable | 10/01/2014 | Â | A | (A) or (D) Price 34 (3) A \$ 16.36 | 18,785 (2) (4) | D | Â |

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|------------------------|------------|---|---|------------------|---|----------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Common Shares Issuable | 12/29/2014 | Â | A | 1 ⁽³⁾ | A | \$ 19.28 | 18,785 ⁽²⁾ <u>(4)</u> | D | Â |
| Common Stock (RSUs) | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 73,404 | D | Â |
| Common Stock (PSUs) | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 121,276 | 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | (A) | (D) | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARTON H LYNN C/O UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. PO BOX 398 BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30514 | Â | Â | Â PRESIDENT & COO | Â |

Signatures

Lois J. Rich as Attorney in Fact
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 shares of United Community Banks, Inc. Common Stock withheld to satisfy tax obligations upon vesting of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") and performance-based Restricted Stock Units ("PSUs").
- (2) Reflects reclassification of RSUs and PSUs into Common Stock and Phantom Stock pursuant to the United Community Banks, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) 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.
- (4) On June 30, 2014, all Common Shares Issuable changed from a unitized fund, where settlement was based on NAV, to a share-for-share phantom stock fund.

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