UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC Form 8-K October 06, 2008

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): October 6, 2008

United Community Banks, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia No. 0-21656 No. 58-180-7304

(State or other Jurisdiction of

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Incorporation)

63 Highway 515, P.O. Box 398

Blairsville, Georgia (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

30512

(Zip Code)

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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 6, 2008, United Community Banks, Inc. (the Registrant) issued a news release announcing that its third quarter earnings would be less than previously estimated due to higher than expected credit losses (the News Release). The News Release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial statements: None
- (b) Pro forma financial information: None
- (c) Exhibits:
 - 99.1 Press Release, dated October 6, 2008

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.

/s/ Rex S. Schuette

Rex S. Schuette Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

October 6, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated October 6, 2008