UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC Form 8-K February 02, 2018

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 1, 2018

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

125 Highway 515 East <u>Blairsville, Georgia 30512</u> (Address of principal executive offices)

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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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qWritten communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)qSoliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)qPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))qPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 1, 2018, United Community Banks, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for United Community Bank, Blairsville, Georgia (the "Bank"), issued a press release announcing the completion of the merger on February 1, 2018 of Symph Acquisition Corp. (the "Merger Subsidiary"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, with and into NLFC Holdings Corp. ("NLFC"), with NLFC surviving the merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated January 8, 2018, by and among the Company, the Bank, the Merger Subsidiary, NLFC and Shareholder Representative Services LLC.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description 99.1 Press release, dated February 1, 2018

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/ Jefferson L. Harralson Jefferson L. Harralson Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 2, 2018

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Description

<u>99.1</u> Press Release, dated February 1, 2018