

METZ CRAIG
Form 5
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FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* METZ, CRAIG			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS, INC. "UCBI"			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EXEC VICE PRES. MARKETING		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 960 SAINT LYONN COURTS			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Year 12/31/02		
(Street) MARIETTA, GA 30068.4532			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK									399.9155⁽²⁾	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 5 (continued) 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. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/ Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of	10. Owner-ship Form of Derivative Security:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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		Year)	of (D)		Date	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Year (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
			(A)	(D)							
Option to Purchase Common Stock⁽¹⁾	28.00	08/01/02	A	10,000	08/01/03	08/01/12	Common Stock	0	n/a	10,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Options are 50% vested on 8/1/03, and vest an additional 50% on 8/1/04.

(2) Reflects a fractional share adjustment of (.0001) pursuant to notification by 401k account custodian of a 2002 dividend reinvestment reporting error by them to the company.

By: /s/ **CRAIG METZ**

02/13/03

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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