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: January 3, 2018 (Date of earliest event reported)

Union Bankshares Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **0-20293** (Commission File Number) 54-1598552 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1051 East Cary Street Suite 1200

Richmond, Virginia 23219 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(804) 633-5031

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (ee General Instruction A.2. below):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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□ Pre-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.

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 3, 2018, Union Bankshares Corporation ("the Company") announced that it will conduct a quarterly earnings conference call on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time during which the Company will discuss fourth quarter results and provide an update on recent activities. The press release announcing the conference call information is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press release, dated January 3, 2018.

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.

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

Date: January 3, 2018

By: /s/ Robert M. Gorman

Robert M. Gorman Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Union Bankshares Corporation to Release Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2017 Results

Richmond, Va., January 3, 2018 - Union Bankshares Corporation today announced that it will release fourth quarter and full year 2017 results before the market opens on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Following the release, the company will host a conference call for analysts at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

To listen to the call, please use one of the following telephone numbers. Participant Toll-Free Dial-In Number: (877) 668-4908 Participant International Dial-In Number: (973) 453-3058

The conference ID is: 4764909

ABOUT UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

Headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, Union Bankshares Corporation (NASDAQ: UBSH) is the holding company for Union Bank & Trust, which has 151 banking offices, 40 of which are operated as Xenith Bank, a division of Union Bank & Trust of Richmond, Virginia, and approximately 220 ATMs located throughout Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. Union Bank & Trust also operates Shore Premier Finance, a specialty marine lender. Non-bank affiliates of the holding company include: Union Mortgage Group, Inc., which provides a full line of mortgage products, Old Dominion Capital Management, Inc., which provides investment advisory services, and Union Insurance Group, LLC, which offers various lines of insurance products.

Additional information on the Company is available at http://investors.bankatunion.com.

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