

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 4, 2009

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.)

211 North Main Street
P.O. Box 446
Bowling Green, Virginia 22427
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 633-5031

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 4, 2009, Union Bankshares Corporation issued a press release announcing the declaration of a quarterly dividend payable February 27, 2009 to stockholders of record as of February 16, 2009. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Union Bankshares Corporation press release dated February 4, 2009.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

Date: February 6, 2009

By: /s/ D. Anthony Peay

D. Anthony Peay

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



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Distribute to: Virginia State/Local News lines, NY Times, AP, Reuters, S&P, Moody's, Dow Jones, Investor Relations Service

February 4, 2009

Traded: NASDAQ

Symbol: UBSH

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Bowling Green, Virginia) — The Board of Directors of Union Bankshares Corporation (the “Company”) (NASDAQ: UBSH - News) has declared a quarterly dividend of \$.12 per share. This dividend represents a decrease of 35.1% from the dividend for the same period last year paid on February 28, 2008 and for the last quarter paid on November 30, 2008. It also represents 70.6% of earnings per share reported for the quarter ended December 31, 2008. Based on the closing price of the Company’s stock on January 30, 2009 (\$15.63), the dividend yield is 3.07%. The dividend is payable on February 27, 2009 to shareholders of record as of February 16, 2009.

“The decision to lower the Company’s quarterly dividend weighed heavily on your management team and board. We understand that many of our shareholders rely on the dividend for income and have come to expect the dividend to remain constant or increase. All involved in the decision believed it was prudent to reduce the dividend to reflect the recent financial performance of the Company and to retain its strong capital base during this uncertain and difficult economic period.” said G. William Beale, President and Chief Executive Officer of Union Bankshares Corporation.

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ABOUT UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

Union Bankshares Corporation is one of the largest community banking organizations based in Virginia, providing full service banking to the Northern, Central, Rappahannock, Tidewater and Northern Neck regions of Virginia through its bank subsidiaries, Union Bank and Trust Company (43 locations in the counties of Albemarle, Caroline, Chesterfield, Fairfax, Fluvanna, Hanover, Henrico, King George, King William, Nelson, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland and the cities of Fredericksburg , Williamsburg, Newport News, Grafton and Charlottesville); Northern Neck State Bank (9 locations in the counties of Richmond, Westmoreland, Essex, Northumberland and Lancaster); and Rappahannock National Bank (7 locations in Washington, Front Royal, Middleburg, Warrenton, and Winchester). Union Investment

Services, Inc. provides full brokerage services; Union Mortgage Group, Inc. provides a full line of mortgage products; and Union Insurance Group, LLC offers various lines of insurance products. Union Bank and Trust Company also owns a non-controlling interest in Johnson Mortgage Company, LLC.

Additional information is available on the Company's website at www.ubsh.com. The shares of the Company are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "UBSH."

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this report may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are statements that include projections, predictions, expectations or beliefs about future events or results or otherwise are not statements of historical fact. Such statements are often characterized by the use of qualified words (and their derivatives) such as "expect," "believe," "estimate," "plan," "project," "anticipate" or other statements concerning opinions or judgment of the Company and its management about future events. Although the Company believes that its expectations with respect to forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions within the bounds of its existing knowledge of its business and operations, there can be no assurance that actual results, performance or achievements of the Company will not differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Actual future results and trends may differ materially from historical results or those anticipated depending on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the effects of and changes in: general economic conditions, the interest rate environment, legislative and regulatory requirements, competitive pressures, new products and delivery systems, inflation, changes in the stock and bond markets, technology, and consumer spending and savings habits. The Company does not update any forward-looking statements that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company.