

UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV  
Form 8-K  
January 04, 2011

# 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):

January 4, 2011

## United Bankshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

West Virginia  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

No. 0-13322  
(Commission  
File Number)  
300 United Center

55-0641179  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**500 Virginia Street, East**

**Charleston, West Virginia 25301**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(304) 424-8800**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

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

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

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On December 22, 2010, United recovered funds from its insurance carrier in the amount of \$15.0 million related to claims it made under its insurance policies for losses United incurred as a result of fraudulent loans previously charged-off in 2009. The \$15.0 million of proceeds will be recorded as a recovery within United's allowance for loan losses which will be reviewed for adequacy in its normal course at quarter-end.

In addition, approximately \$309.7 million of Federal Home Loan Bank ( FHLB ) advances matured in December along with an interest rate swap associated with one of these advances. United used available excess cash to repay these advances. At the time of maturity, the \$309.7 million of FHLB advances and the associated interest rate swap had an effective cost of 3.83%.

Other items that will likely impact the results for the fourth quarter of 2010 include other-than-temporary impairment ( OTTI ) on certain investment securities which will be determined at quarter-end during United's normal OTTI analysis, merger-related expenses for the recently announced agreement to acquire Centra Financial Holdings, Inc., and losses on other real estate owned ( OREO ) properties due to a decline in their fair values. The decline in the fair values of OREO properties was due to lower sales proceeds as well as some decline in appraised values due to lower comparable sales and offers.

Based on its analysis of the combined effect of the events described above, United expects to report earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 2010 in excess of \$0.40 per diluted share. In the third quarter of 2010, United reported earnings of \$0.40 per diluted share.

Forward-Looking Statements

*This Form 8-K contains certain forward-looking statements, including certain plans, expectations, goals and projections, which are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in or implied by such statements for a variety of factors including: changes in economic conditions; movements in interest rates; competitive pressures on product pricing and services; success and timing of business strategies; the nature and extent of governmental actions and reforms; and rapidly changing technology and evolving banking industry standards*

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 4, 2011

UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.

By:

*/s/* STEVEN E. WILSON

**Steven E. Wilson, Executive Vice President, Treasurer,**

**Secretary and Chief Financial Officer**