

UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV

Form 8-K

August 24, 2004

**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):
August 23, 2004

United Bankshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

West Virginia

No. 0-13322

55-0641179

(State or other jurisdiction
of
incorporation or
organization)

(Commission File
Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

300 United Center
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)

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:

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

On August 24, 2004, United Bankshares, Inc. (United) announced a third quarter dividend of 26¢ per share and a plan to repurchase up to 1.775 million shares of its common stock on the open market. The plan represents approximately 4% of the issued and outstanding shares of United. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated August 24, 2004, issued by United Bankshares, Inc.

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.

UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.

Date: August 24, 2004

By: /s/ Steven E. Wilson
Steven E. Wilson, Executive Vice
President, Treasurer, Secretary and Chief Financial
Officer