

UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV  
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Registration No. 333-188919

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO

## FORM S-4

## REGISTRATION STATEMENT

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

# UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

West Virginia  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or  
Organization)

6711  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)  
500 Virginia Street, East

55-0641179  
(I. R. S. Employer  
Identification Number)

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Charleston, West Virginia 25301

(304) 348 8400

(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

**Richard M. Adams**

**United Bankshares, Inc.**

**P. O. Box 393**

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**Charleston, West Virginia 25301**

**(304) 348 8400**

(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

*with copies to:*

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**Bowles Rice LLP**  
**600 Quarrier Street**  
**P.O. Box 1386**  
**Charleston, West Virginia 25325**  
**(304) 347-1131**

**Jacob A. Lutz III, Esq.**  
**Troutman Sanders LLP**  
**1001 Haxall Point**  
**Richmond, Virginia 23219**  
**(804) 697-1490**

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: as soon as practicable after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box. "

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

If this Form is a post effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

Indicate by a check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company.)

Smaller reporting company

If applicable, place an X in the box to designate the appropriate rule provision relied upon in conducting this transaction:

Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

United Bankshares, Inc. is filing this Amendment No. 4 (this Amendment ) to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-188919) (the Registration Statement ) as an exhibit-only filing to re-file Exhibit 8.1 (Tax Opinion of Bowles Rice LLP) and Exhibit 8.2 (Tax Opinion of Troutman Sanders LLP), which have been amended to include as an additional opinion the statements made in the Consequences to Shareholders portion of the MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE MERGER section of the Registration Statement. Accordingly, this Amendment consists only of the facing page, this explanatory note, the signature pages to the Registration Statement, an Exhibit Index and Exhibits 8.1 and 8.2 filed herewith. The prospectus and joint proxy statement is unchanged and has been omitted.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Parkersburg, State of West Virginia, on September 6, 2013.

UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.

By: /s/ Richard M. Adams  
Chairman of the Board and

Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Steven E. Wilson  
Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signatures</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ Richard M. Adams	Chairman of the Board, Director, and Chief Executive Officer	September 6, 2013
Richard M. Adams		
/s/ Steven E. Wilson	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer	September 6, 2013
Steven E. Wilson		
*	Director	September 6, 2013
Robert G. Astorg		
*	Director	September 6, 2013
W. Gaston Caperton, III		
*	Director	September 6, 2013
Lawrence K. Doll		
*	Director	September 6, 2013
Theodore J. Georgelas		
*	Director	September 6, 2013
F. T. Graff, Jr.		
*	Director	September 6, 2013
Douglas J. Leech		
*	Director	September 6, 2013
John M. McMahon		
*	Director	September 6, 2013

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J. Paul McNamara

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Director

September 6, 2013

Mark R. Nesselroad

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Director

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William C. Pitt, III

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<b>Signatures</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
* Donald L. Unger	Director	September 6, 2013
* Mary K. Weddle	Director	September 6, 2013
* Gary G. White	Director	September 6, 2013
* P. Clinton Winter, Jr.	Director	September 6, 2013

P. Clinton Winter, Jr.

\*Signed pursuant to Powers of Attorney dated May 29, 2013, included as part of the signature page to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 for United Bankshares, Inc. filed May 29, 2013.

/s/ Richard M. Adams  
Richard M. Adams  
Chairman of the Board, Director and Chief Executive  
Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibits</b>
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of January 29, 2013, by and between United Bankshares, Inc. and Virginia Commerce Bancorp, Inc. (included as Appendix A to the prospectus and joint proxy statement).
2.2	Supplement for Merger Sub Accession to Merger Agreement dated as of May 30, 2013.*
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of United Bankshares, Inc. as in effect on the date hereof (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to United Bankshares' Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 23, 2008 and filed December 31, 2008).
3.2	Restated Bylaws of United Bankshares, Inc., as in effect on the date hereof (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to United Bankshares' Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 25, 2010 and filed January 29, 2010).
5.1	Opinion of Bowles Rice LLP, including consent.*
8.1	Tax Opinion of Bowles Rice LLP, including consent.
8.2	Tax Opinion of Troutman Sanders LLP, including consent.
21	Subsidiaries of Registrant (Incorporated herein by reference to United Bankshares, Inc.'s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012).
23.1	Consent of Bowles Rice LLP (included in Legal Opinion, Exhibit 5.1).*
23.2	Consent of Bowles Rice LLP (included in Legal Opinion, Exhibit 8.1).
23.3	Consent of Troutman Sanders LLP (included in Legal Opinion, Exhibit 8.2).
23.4	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.*
23.5	Consent of Yount, Hyde & Barbour, P.C.*
23.6	Consent of Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.*
23.7	Consent of Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P.*
24	Powers of Attorney (signature page).*
99.1	Form of Proxy Card for United Bankshares, Inc.*
99.2	Form of Proxy Card for Virginia Commerce Bancorp, Inc.*

\* Previously filed.