

UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV  
Form 8-K  
December 03, 2008

**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):**

**December 3, 2008**

**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:

- 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))
  - 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 December 3, 2008, United Bankshares, Inc. ( United ) issued a press release announcing that it has received preliminary approval to participate in the Capital Purchase Program (the CPP ) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (the Treasury ). United applied for and received preliminary approval for the issuance of (a) up to \$197.28 million of senior preferred stock and (b) warrants for the purchase of United s common stock with an aggregate market price equal to 15% of such senior preferred stock. The final approval is subject to satisfaction of certain conditions, including approval by United s shareholders of amendments to the company s articles of incorporation to allow United to issue preferred stock, as well as the execution of definitive agreements in satisfaction of closing conditions.

A copy of a press release dated December 3, 2008 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated December 3, 2008, issued by United Bankshares, Inc.

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**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: December 3, 2008

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