

UNION BANKSHARES INC

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AT OR FOR THE YEARS  
ENDED DECEMBER 31

		2017	2016	2015	2014	
		(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)				
	Balance Sheet Data					
<p>We are pleased to invite you to our 127th Annual meeting to be held at 116 Vermont Route 15 West, Morrisville Vermont in the Charlmont Restaurant meeting room on May 16, 2018 at 3:00pm. We hope you will join us for the meeting as well as a reception immediately following. We always enjoy visiting with our long time shareholders as well as meeting newer ones. Included with this "year in review" are the Proxy for the annual meeting as well as our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended 2017. The Proxy and 10-K provide detailed financial information about your company. For those so inclined we direct your attention to the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section of the 10-K. Though pretty dense, this section really outlines our financial story and provides context to the absolute numbers we present. Highlights of the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to year ended December 31, 2016 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net income before taxes increased \$943 thousand, or 8.5%, to \$12.1 million.</li> <li>• Net interest income increased \$2.0 million, or 8.0% to \$26.8 million.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net loan charge-offs were \$39 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2017.</li> <li>• Nonperforming loans were 0.28% of total loans.</li> </ul> <p>Overall, the directors and management are pleased with our 2017 financial performance. We hope our shareholders are as well. We are working on several projects in 2018 that are intended to help your company continue to grow in a profitable manner, and to enhance our customer's experience accessing our services. An exciting example of this is our transition to a new digital and mobile banking platform. On March 13, 2018 we converted from our existing digital/mobile product to a new platform with many more features and functions, as well as better ease of use. As with any major conversion, there has been a significant amount of work on planning and preparing for this conversion. Our staff have been at it for over six months and have done a terrific job getting us to this point. Hopefully by the time you read this the conversion will be completed and most of the kinks worked out of the</p>	Total assets	\$745,831	\$691,381	\$628,879	\$624,063
	Investment securities	66,439	66,555	59,327	52,964	
	Loans and loans held for sale	594,562	541,093	506,141	490,721	
	Allowance for loan losses	(5,408)	(5,247)	(5,201)	(4,694)	
	Deposits	647,574	597,660	560,408	552,064	
	Borrowed funds	31,581	31,595	9,564	15,118	
	Stockholders' equity <sup>1</sup>	58,661	56,279	53,568	51,434	
		Income Statement Data				
	Total interest and dividend income	\$29,017	\$26,836	\$25,144	\$24,852	
	Total interest expense	(2,255)	(2,061)	(2,025)	(2,155)	
Net interest and dividend income	26,762	24,775	23,119	22,697		
Provision for loan losses	(200)	(150)	(550)	(345)		
Noninterest income	9,395	10,140	9,792	8,909		
Noninterest expenses	(23,905)	(23,656)	(21,820)	(20,794)		
Income before provision for income taxes	12,052	11,109	10,541	10,467		
Provision for income taxes	(3,603)	(2,598)	(2,663)	(2,773)		
Net income	\$8,449	\$8,511	\$7,878	\$7,694		

new product.

• Net income for 2017 was \$8.4 million, or \$1.89 per share, compared to Net Income for 2016 of \$8.5 million, or \$1.91 per share, a slight decrease. This slight decrease in net income was caused by an increase in Federal Income Taxes caused by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act being signed into law on December 22, 2017.

• Return on average common equity of 14.53% and return on average assets of 1.21%.

• Book value per common share increased 4.4% to \$13.17 as of December 31, 2017.

• Total shareholders' equity increased 4.5% to \$58.8 million compared to December 31, 2016.

• Total Loans increased \$53.6 million, or 9.9% to \$595.4 million.

• Total Deposits increased \$49.9 million, or 8.4% to \$647.6 million.

We would like to remind you of two shareholder services you may want to take advantage of. The first is our Dividend Reinvestment Program. With this program you may elect to have some or all of your dividends reinvested to buy additional shares of Union Bankshares, Inc. You may also elect to buy additional shares through this program, avoiding brokerage fees. Second, you have the option of setting up a direct deposit of your dividend, avoiding having to wait for a check to arrive in the mail. Please contact Kristy Adams Alfieri at 802.888.0982 or [kadamsalfieri@unionbankvt.com](mailto:kadamsalfieri@unionbankvt.com) if you would like additional information regarding these services.

		Per Common Share Data			
Net income <sup>2</sup>	\$1.89	\$1.91	\$1.77	\$1.73	
Cash dividends paid	1.16	1.11	1.08	1.04	
Book value <sup>1</sup>	13.14	12.61	12.02	11.54	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	4,462,192	4,459,001	4,458,037	4,458,393	
Number of shares outstanding	4,465,576	4,462,135	4,457,177	4,458,430	

<sup>1</sup>Stockholders' equity includes unrealized gains or losses, net of applicable income taxes, on investment securities classified as "available-for-sale" and includes the unfunded liability for pension benefits, net of taxes for the defined benefit pension plan.

<sup>2</sup>Computed using the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period.

Kenneth D. Gibbons  
Chairman

David S. Silverman  
President & CEO

Market for Union Bankshares Common Stock

On March 12, 2018, there were 4,465,647 shares of common stock outstanding held by 527 stockholders of record. The number of stockholders does not reflect the number of beneficial owners, including persons or entities who may hold the stock in nominee or “street name.” Union Bankshares’ common

stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market trading under the symbol UNB. For shareholder assistance please contact Kristy Adams Alfieri at 802.888.0982 or our Transfer Agent, Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc., at 866.321.8022.

Stock Performance Graph

The following graph illustrates the annual percentage change in the cumulative total shareholder return of the Company’s common stock for the period of December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2017. For purposes of comparison, the graph illustrates comparable shareholder returns of

the SNL Bank \$500M-\$1B Index and the NASDAQ Composite Index. The graph assumes a \$100 investment on December 31, 2012 in each case and measures the amount by which the market value, assuming reinvestment of dividends, has changed during the five year period ended December 31, 2017.

UNION BANKSHARES COMMON STOCK

2017			2016		
HIGH	LOW	DIVIDENDS	HIGH	LOW	DIVIDENDS
First Quarter					
\$45.55	\$40.25	\$0.29	\$29.10	\$27.06	\$0.27
Second Quarter					
\$48.70	\$39.75	\$0.29	\$37.18	\$28.26	\$0.28
Third Quarter					

TOTAL RETURN PERFORMANCE

\$49.95	\$41.00	\$0.29	\$36.92	\$33.69	\$0.28
Fourth Quarter			Fourth Quarter		
\$55.00	\$45.70	\$0.29	\$48.80	\$32.75	\$0.28

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New Digital Banking Service liquidity, we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our customers and communities that we serve. Recently, Union Bank launched an exciting new online and mobile banking service to offer customers increased security, an enhanced interface and added functionality. In addition to traditional features such as viewing balances, transferring funds and depositing checks, customers can now:

- Pay others using our new Person-to-Person payments.
- Move money to or from other banks.
- Aggregate accounts to view balances and

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 Neil J. Van Dyke - Vice Chairman  
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 Dawn D. Bugbee  
 John M. Goodrich  
 Timothy W. Sargent  
 David S. Silverman  
 John H. Steel

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Kristy Adams Alfieri - Administrative Officer  
 Diana M. Ashley - Assistant Vice President  
 Danika E. Barry - Credit Administrative Officer  
 Stacey M. Belanger - Asset Management Officer  
 Rhonda L. Bennett - Vice President  
 Karen L. Blanchard Smith - Assistant Vice President  
 Sherrie A. Bull - Vice President  
 Karen R. Carlson - Vice President  
 Stacey L.B. Chase - Vice President  
 Barbara J. Churchill - Assistant Vice President

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- Access a full  
 suite of bill  
 pay options.

- Communicate  
 with us via  
 secure  
 messages,  
 which  
 conveniently  
 auto-fill key  
 account or  
 transaction  
 information.

- Benefit from  
 new advanced  
 security  
 features.

Commercial and  
 Municipal  
 Services

Deposit  
 Accounts

Union Bank  
 offers a range of  
 deposit options  
 to serve a wide  
 variety of  
 customers. In  
 collaboration  
 with other

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**OFFICERS**

Kenneth D. Gibbons - Chairman  
 David S. Silverman - President &  
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Karyn J. Hale - Chief Financial  
 Officer

John H. Steel - Secretary

Kristy Adams Alfieri - Assistant  
 Secretary

Jeffrey G. Coslett - Vice President

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 Paul E. Grogan - Facilities Officer  
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 Officer

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Susan F. Lassiter - Vice President

Edward L. Levite - Senior Loan Originator

Carrie R. Locklin - Vice President

John L. Malm - Vice President

Debra J. Marcoux - Loan Servicing Officer



banks, we enable businesses, municipalities, non-profits and individuals to conveniently access multi-million-dollar FDIC insurance coverage for CDs, money market, and demand sweep accounts. Our school-based Save for Success Program helps student depositors develop sound financial habits at a young age. For those customers who bring larger deposit balances to the bank, we offer Advantage Banking. This package of services reward and retain these important depositors who contribute substantially to our ability to fund our extensive community lending activities. In 2017, our deposits grew by approximately \$49.9 Million or 8.4%, in part due to our

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