

UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Esson Timothy		(Month/Day/Year)	UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP [UCFC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	06/20/2011	
275 WEST FEDERAL STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
YOUNGSTOWN,Â OHÂ 44503			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			CFO of Home S&L Company	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares	16,923	D	Â
Common Shares	28,074	I	401(k) plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	03/17/2004	03/17/2014	Common Shares	21,848	\$ 12.3833	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	05/08/2019	Common Shares	12,000	\$ 1.9	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	04/29/2020	Common Shares	20,000	\$ 2.1	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Esson Timothy 275 WEST FEDERAL STREET YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44503	Â	Â	Â CFO of Home S&L Company	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Jude J. Nohra, POA for Timothy Esson 06/29/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option became exercisable as to 4,000 shares on December 31, 2009 and as to another 4,000 shares on December 31, 2010, and becomes exercisable as to the remaining 4,000 shares on December 31, 2011.
- (2) The option became exercisable as to 10,000 shares on December 31, 2010, and becomes exercisable as to the remaining 10,000 shares on December 31, 2011.

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