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## Celebrating One Year of St. Luke's Nurse Honor Guard

### Heartfelt Ceremony Gives Families Comfort

By Sam Kennedy

BETHLEHEM - What began as a humble ceremony to honor nurses at their funeral memorial service at St. Luke's Carbon Campus has grown exponentially in a year's time to reach every St. Luke's University Health Network campus.

St. Luke's Nurse Honor Guard, which pays tribute to nurses who have left this life with the Nightingale Ceremony, has honored more than 120 former nurses as the group celebrated its first anniversary on Feb. 1.

"This is one of the best, if not the best, community service I've ever been involved with," said Denise Snyder, BSN, RN and Lead Chair of the St. Luke's Nurse Honor Guard, who is a full time ICU nurse at the Carbon Campus.

Very much in the tradition of being buried with military honors, the emotional Nightingale Ceremony is often the last rite performed before the final blessing, and is free to all former nurses, whether they worked in the Network or not.

The Nightingale Tribute - Known as the "Lady with the Lamp," Florence Nightingale saved many wounded soldiers during the Crimean War with her pioneering nursing work. In many ways, she laid the foundation for professional nursing.

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L-R Christine Ritter, Kathryn Hertzog, Susan Hecker, Denise Snyder

## Rivalry Game: Pen Argyl Green Knights vs. Bangor Slaters

By Team Reports

BANGOR - There's no place like home for the Bangor Slaters, who bounced back after a tough loss on the road last Saturday. They put the hurt on Pen Argyl with a sharp 62-37 win on Tuesday. That looming 62-37 mark stands out as the most commanding margin for Bangor yet this season.

Despite the defeat, Pen Argyl saw an underclassman step up: Mason Soos scored 18 points. As a matter of fact, that's the most points Soos has scored all season. The team also got some help courtesy of Chase Kennedy, who scored five points along with eight assists and five rebounds.

Even though they lost, Pen Argyl were working as a unit and finished the game with 14 assists. That's the most assists they've managed all season.

Bangor's victory was their third straight at home, which pushed their record up to 11-10. Those good results were due in large part to their offensive performance across that stretch, as they averaged 62.7 points per game. As for Pen Argyl, they are on a four-game

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