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Bottskill Baptist Church Launches “Preserving Our Light” Campaign to Restore Iconic Rose Window

GREENWICH, NY — The Bottskill Baptist Church is officially launching the “Preserving Our Light” restoration project, a church and community-driven fundraising initiative to save the church’s historic Rose Window.

For nearly two centuries, the Rose Window has served as a beacon of art and history in Greenwich. However, time and the harsh Northeast elements have brought the window to a critical turning point. The intricate stained glass, lead mortar, and supporting wood & brickwork are currently suffering from significant deterioration and structural cracking.

To ensure this masterpiece continues to shine for future generations, the church has partnered with restoration experts to undertake a comprehensive overhaul. The project is estimated to cost upwards of \$50,000, covering:

- **Structural Stabilization:** Repairing the surrounding brickwork to prevent further shifting and keeping the window from falling out.
- **Removal of the window.**
- **Window Preservation & Repair:** Meticulously repairing and replacing the lead mortar keeping the stained-glass pieces in place and repairing cracks and bulging throughout the window.
- **Weatherproofing & Glass Protection:** Installing new protective Plexi-glass material to guard the window against weather and breaks.

"This window is more than just glass, lead and stone; it is a piece of our Church and the Greenwich community’s shared history," says the Bottskill Baptist Board of Trustees. "We are calling on our neighbors, history buffs, and art lovers to help us ensure this light doesn't dim. The trustees also added that they have applied for a grant through the New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Program to help reach the project’s financial goal.

How you can help: The "Preserving Our Light" campaign invites the public to become part of the window’s history. Every donation, regardless of size, goes directly toward the \$50,000 goal for repairs.

To view photos of the current damage, read the full history of the window, or make an online donation, please visit: bottskillbaptist.org. Or, or you can mail your helping donation directly to the Church at Bottskill Baptist Church, PO 45, Greenwich NY 12834.