

AHP Youth Attend "A Christmas Story" at Historic Mound Theatre



Photos by Betty Brandt Passick

After worship on December 19th, AHP youth and leaders attended the sixth annual Jean Sheperd's "A Christmas Story" at 2:00 pm at The Historic Mounds Theatre, 1029 Hudson Rd., in St. Paul. Pictured are Cara Jones, Hallie Lutter, George Oyoo, Prince Aloha, Comfort Aloha, Brian, Courage Aloha, Denise Anderson, Clay Passick and Joy Aloha. (Note: Larry Anderson regularly went to this theatre to watch movies as a youth.)



Prince Aloha examines an old projector displayed in the theatre lobby. Read more about the history of this theatre at www.moundstheatre.org, or call 651-772-2253.



The Mounds Theatre was originally built in 1922 as a venue for silent movies and live entertainment. It was renovated around 1933 and 1950 before closing in July 1967, and used as a warehouse until December 2001.

In 2001, George Hardenbergh, owner of the building, donated this property to The **Portage for Youth** to address unmet needs of youth and families on St. Paul's East Side. With the help of a STAR grant through the City of St. Paul and a donation from an anonymous donor, the Mounds Theatre underwent renovation and became the art deco landmark it is today.

Beginning January 2011, Portage will be opening the year-round **Mounds Youth Theatre School** to introduce theatre to youth.