

## **Thanksgiving Poll**

### **More Answers to Questions About People**

#### **Things You Are NOT Looking Forward To**

Write-in answers mentioned the exhaustion and stress of hosting, small talk, and travel. One individual lamented the “mandatory FaceTime sessions with out of state relatives,” especially when small children are allowed to control the screen.

“Seeing all their faces buried in devices while their children run rampant in my house.”

“Restrictions on drinking as my mom rented the church for dinner.”

“Constantly going non-stop.”

#### **Things You ARE Looking Forward To**

One person mentioned looking forward to “Getting together with grandchildren, even if they don’t live far away.” And another, “After eating, playing games, looking at pictures, dancing, telling funny stories and watching movies.”

#### **Unexpected Sources of Arguments**

People also mentioned arguments over who ate more food, six-year-olds who loudly reveal family secrets, the texture debate of mushrooms, egg in the potato salad, who made the best giblet gravy, and a grandmother who used the occasion to bequeath her cherished coin collection to one specific person, and one person only.

“My father-in-law broke his computer and blamed his brother-in-law for it. This started as soon as he was greeted (before he got out of the car) and lasted for the entire day (all through dinner, over dessert, and into the evening). My spouse and I started betting to see how long we could change the subject before my father-in-law came back to the topic to keep our sanity.”

“Walt Disney World. One year my grandfather decided to shame everyone in the family for "stepping away from our heritage and God, and worshipping a mouse." My aunt never came to another family holiday after that one, and it was the first time my new husband was introduced to my family. Good times.”

#### **Activities You Enjoy the Most**

Several people wrote about specific things they enjoy, “I love seeing the kids play rummy tiles or Chinese marbles with my great-grandmother. She is now 99 and can still kick their butts!”

“Playing card games with my sister-in-law and my niece. They are vicious, and I always lose, but it's fun anyway.”

"Do you remember the time when" stories."

"Hearing about each one's blessings of the past year, especially challenges which brought growth."

"We have our main meal for lunch and then have a bonfire with hotdogs for dinner."

"My sister-in-law and I always look forward to going through the Black Friday ads and seeing what we DON'T need to purchase. It became a tradition that continues even when we are not together."